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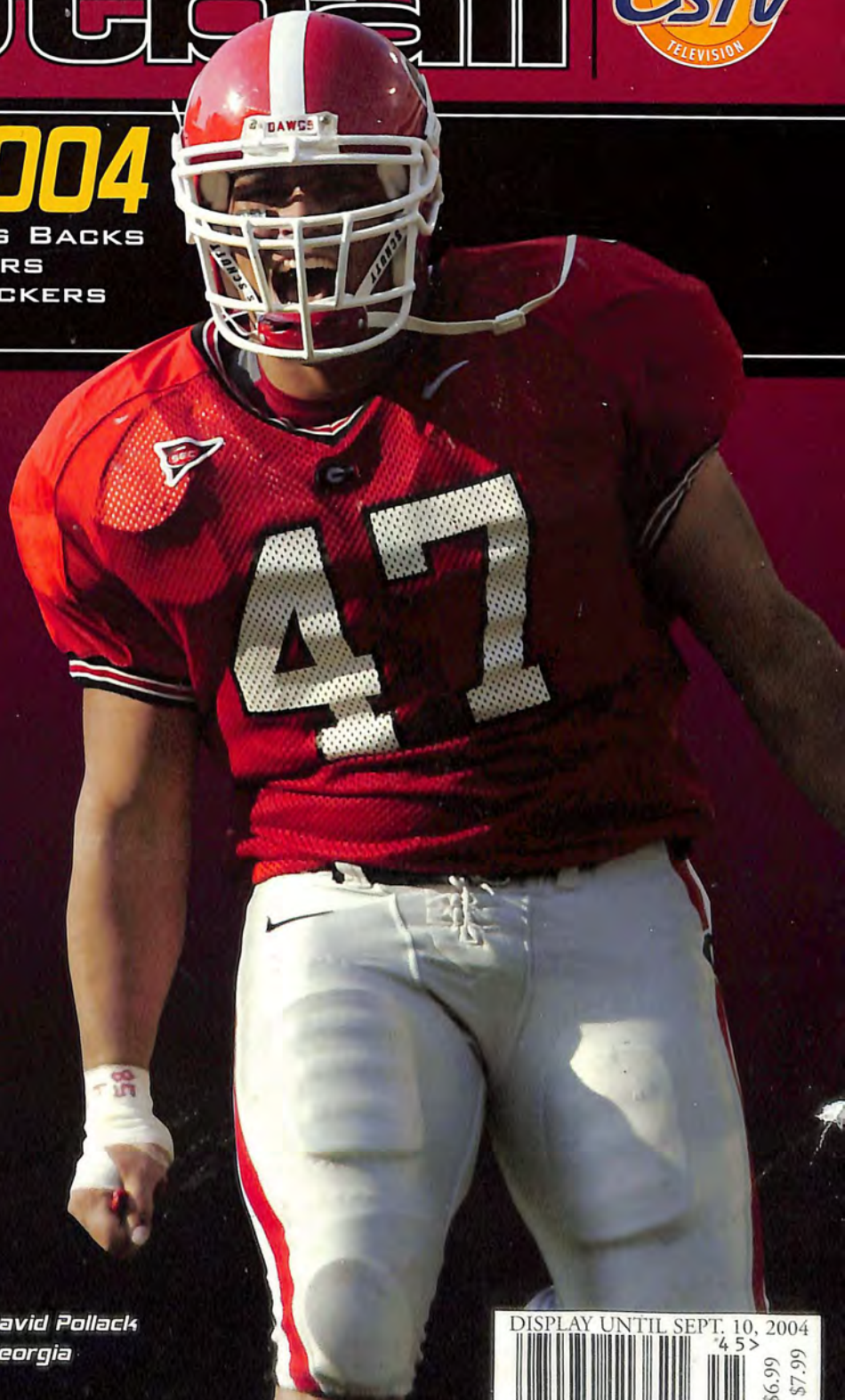
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The answer? There is no answer — just hire a good coach. There is no secret formula for finding the right coach. Do you want proof? Take a look at three budding dynasties in college football — LSU, Oklahoma and USC. Each school took a different route in its most recent coaching search. LSU threw around big money to bring Nick Saban, fresh off a 9–2 regular season at Michigan State, down to the Bayou. Oklahoma, hoping to recover from the John Blake debacle, plucked Bob Stoops, Florida's respected defensive coordinator, off of Steve Spurrier's staff. And USC surprised the college football world by hiring Pete Carroll, who had been fired twice as a head coach in the NFL.

All three of these coaches have enjoyed incredible success, and with the exception of being defensive-minded, they had little in common when they were hired by their current schools.

A fourth current dynasty, Miami, went yet another route. When Butch Davis bolted Coral Gables for the NFL's Cleveland Browns following the 2000 season, the Hurricanes hired from within, promoting offensive coordinator Larry Coker to the top job. Coker, however, had the luxury of inheriting an established Top 5 program.

Saban, Stoops and Carroll, on the other hand, had some rebuilding to do. At LSU, the once-promising Gerry DiNardo era fell apart in the late 1990s with a 4–7 record in '98 and a 3–8 mark the following season. Prior to Stoops' arrival, OU had suffered through three straight losing seasons, the longest run of futility in Norman since the early 1920s. USC wasn't in terrible shape when Carroll came on board, but the Trojans had slumped to 6–6 and 5–7 in the previous two seasons under Paul Hackett.

Each of these three schools has a rich history of football success, but all three had fallen on hard times. And when it was time to change leadership, LSU, Oklahoma and USC each took a different route — and they each hit a home run.

This past off-season, 14 schools were in the market for a new head coach. With the exception of Nebraska, none of these universities had the resources and/or tradition to hire a coach of Nick Saban's caliber. Akron isn't going to steal a head coach away from a Big Ten program. Idaho can't lure a former pro head coach like Pete Carroll to take over in Moscow. And Nevada will have a tough time convincing a highly respected coordinator like Bob Stoops to leave a national power to coach a middle-of-the-pack WAC school.

But the mission is still the same for each of these schools — hire the right coach for their program. It doesn't matter if he's a running backs coach at Northwestern (like new Eastern Michigan coach Jeff Genyk) or has been out of football for four years (like new Army coach Bobby Ross). Just find the right guy.

For an in-depth look at all of the off-season coaching changes, see page 26. We discuss the pros and cons of each hire and offer a final analysis on the 14 newest head coaches in college football.

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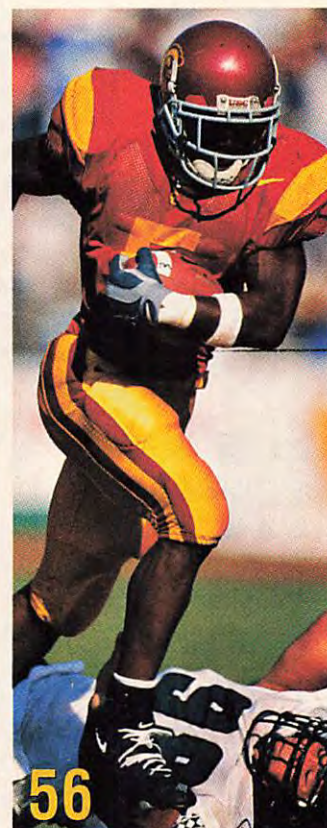
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8. Clemson
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8. New Mexico
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10. Kansas

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6. Tennessee
7. NC State
8. Michigan
9. Missouri
10. Texas

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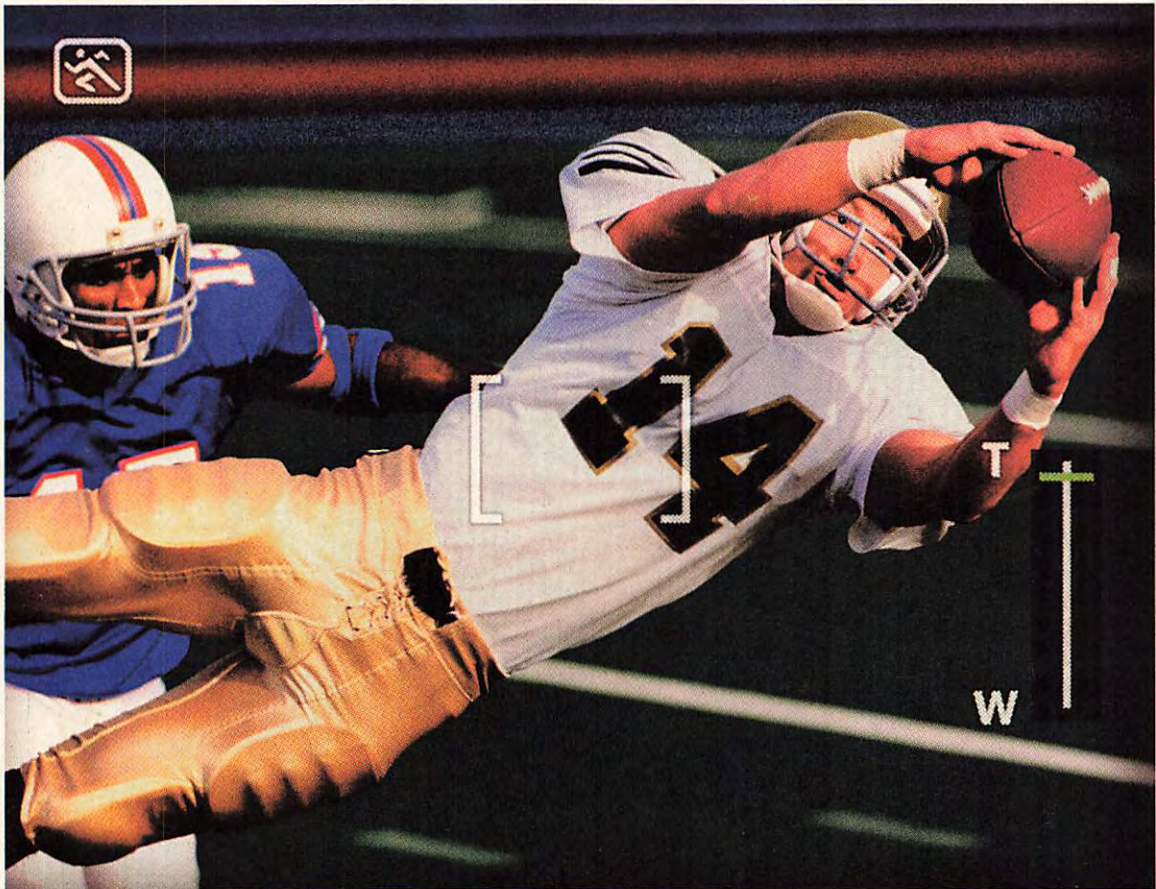


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# 1. Oklahoma



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The numbers that jump off the page are 40 touchdowns, six interceptions. Those figures belong to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White for the 2003 regular season, before he sprained his throwing hand in the Big 12 Championship Game. If White can stay in one piece — and he's been fragile — he's phenomenal. In 2003, he completed 62 percent of his passes for 3,846 yards and won both the Heisman Trophy and the Davey O'Brien Award. Backup Paul Thompson added a pair of scoring tosses and ran for three more TDs last fall. He made the 2004 spring game his personal showcase with White watching from the sideline. The Sooners also landed one of the nation's top incoming freshman signal-callers in Rhett Bomar of Grand Prairie, Texas.

## 2. USC

Replace a Heisman Trophy winner? No problem. Not at USC. Matt Leinart trained under offensive coordinator Norm Chow and quarterbacks coach Steve Sarkisian and proceeded to post better completion percentage, passer rating, touchdown and interception numbers than Carson Palmer's Heisman numbers of 2002. Leinart completed 63 percent for 3,556 yards and 38 touchdowns with just nine interceptions in leading the Trojans to the 2003 national title. Backup John David Booty was 7-of-14 for USC last year while his high school class was still toiling at Shreveport, La., Evangel Christian. Brandon Hance was Purdue's starting quarterback in 2001 before transferring closer to his California home.

## 3. Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech's quarterbacks are athletes of the highest order. Everyone has been waiting for Marcus Vick to seize the job, but Bryan Randall won't let him. Randall has started the last 25 consecutive games for the Hokies. Last season the senior from Williamsburg completed 61 percent of his passes for 1,996 yards and 15 touchdowns, and also netted 404 rushing yards with five more scores. So far, Vick's headlines have been about his bloodlines, but in limited action as a redshirt freshman last year he threw two touchdown passes and averaged over 20 yards on four catches.

## 4. Texas

Mack Brown's Longhorns enjoy their usual glut of quarterback talent. Chance Mock held the reins for six starts last year, completing 55 percent of his attempts for 1,469 yards, 16 touchdowns and two interceptions. His 8:1 TD-to-interception ratio led the nation. With his team trailing 40-35,

# Top QB Units

he entered the Texas Tech game with two minutes remaining and willed a victory. Brown's other quarterback, Vince Young, is a sleek 6'5" superathlete. Young started seven 2003 contests as a redshirt freshman, throwing for 1,155 yards and rushing for 998. He also averaged 7.4 yards per carry.

## 5. Georgia

Georgia's embarrassment of riches continues with David Green and D.J. Shockley. Greene's 2003 numbers took a dip from '02, when he won SEC Player of the Year honors, but he enters 2004 as the conference's best quarterback. He has thrown for over 9,000 career yards and 52 touchdowns. He finished the 2003 season with an MVP performance in the Bulldogs' 34-27 OT victory over Purdue in the Capitol One Bowl, completing 27-of-37 for 327 yards and three touchdowns. Shockley is hoping to bounce back from a knee injury that sidelined him for the second half of last season.

## 6. Purdue

Purdue boasts the Big Ten's best quarterback in Kyle Orton, who hit 61 percent of his passes last fall for 2,885 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also netted 237 rushing yards despite being sacked 33 times. His interception percentage of 2.43 for his career and 1.69 last season are both school records. Sophomore Brandon Kirsch missed most of last season with a shoulder injury, but as a freshman in 2002 he threw for over 1,000 yards and eight touchdowns and ran for 423 yards and three scores.

## 7. California

Aaron Rodgers came to California last season after one year in junior college and by midseason was operating coach Jeff Tedford's offense like a surgeon. He completed 62 percent for 2,903 yards and 19 touchdowns despite not taking over as the starter until Game 5. He hit 27-of-35 for 394 yards and accounted for four touchdowns (two passing, two rushing) in Cal's 52-49 Insight Bowl win over Virginia Tech. Reggie Robertson opened last season as the starter, completing 63 percent of his passes with a 9-to-3 touchdown-to-interception ratio.

## 8. Clemson

Charlie Whitehurst is entering his junior year and already owns 29 Clemson records for passing and total offense. No other Clemson quarterback ever registered a 60.5-percent career completion rate or threw for 5,115 yards by the end of his sophomore year. Whitehurst and former NC State QB Philip Rivers are the only 5,000-yard sophomore passers in ACC history. Whitehurst tied the school single-season record with 21 touchdown passes last fall and shattered another school mark with 3,561 yards.

## 9. Missouri

Brad Smith's two-year ledger shows 4,310 passing yards with 26 touchdowns, 2,435 rushing yards and 25 more TDs. Last year, he was the only player to finish in the nation's top 30 in rushing, total offense and points responsible for, and his 1,406 rushing yards rank second on the school single-season charts. Athletic sophomore Brandon Coleman is being brought along as Smith's backup, and this year's freshman class includes highly rated home-grown quarterback Chase Patton.

## 10. West Virginia

West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez welcomes back two veteran quarterbacks in Rasheed Marshall and Charles Hales. Marshall is a three-year starter with career numbers of 3,672 passing yards and 1,179 rushing yards. As a sophomore in 2002, he broke Michael Vick's Big East QB rushing record. Last year, he threw 15 touchdown passes and ran for four more scores. Hales filled in for an injured Marshall at Boston College, throwing for 167 yards and two scores in the Mountaineers' 35-28 win.



# Top RB Units

## 1. Minnesota

Two years ago, Minnesota tailback Terry Jackson II rushed for 1,317 yards. After last season he transferred because there wasn't enough room for him in the backfield. Two Golden Gopher ballcarriers exceeded 1,000 rushing yards in 2003, and both return for '04. Marion Barber III, a first-team All Big Ten pick last year, ran for 1,196 yards at 5.8 per carry and a school-record 17 rushing touchdowns. Laurence Maroney averaged 6.9 yards per carry, the second-highest average in school history. He totaled a Division I-A freshman high 1,121 yards for the season and was named the Big Ten co-Freshman of the Year.

## 2. Auburn

Just like Minnesota, Auburn had a high-profile tailback — Brandon Jacobs — transfer due to an overcrowded backfield situation. And just like the Gophers, two 1,000-yard rushers return for the Tigers. Carnell "Cadillac" Williams rushed for 1,307 yards last fall and landed on the All-SEC first team. He averaged 5.4 per attempt and ran for 17 touchdowns. Ronnie Brown contributed 446 yards on the ground last year. But in 2002, with Williams sidelined the second half of the season with a broken leg, Brown piled up 1,008 yards though he only started six games. Williams and Brown have combined for 4,460 career rushing yards and 53 touchdowns.

## 3. Kansas State

The presence of Darren Sproles alone is enough to catapult the Wildcats into the top three. Sproles ran for more yards than any other back in America last fall with 1,986 yards at 6.5 per carry, with 16 touchdowns. He tore top-ranked Oklahoma's defense to shreds in the Big 12 Championship Game with a school-record 345 all-purpose yards. He ran for 235 yards at 10.7 per carry that day. Sproles enters 2004 with 3,661 career rushing yards at 6.4 per attempt, and 34 touchdowns. Florida State transfer Thomas Clayton could be a major addition.

## 4. USC

Sultan McCullough and Justin Fargas combined for over 1,500 rushing yards in 2002 and graduated, leaving the Trojans bereft of tailback talent. Not quite. The Trojans bounced back in 2003 with three tailbacks of the highest quality. Hershel Dennis was the season-long starter as a sophomore, rushing for 661 yards. LenDale White led the national champions in rushing with 754 yards and 13 touchdowns. Like White, Reggie Bush burst upon the scene last year as a true freshman. With blistering speed and baffling moves, Bush can score from anywhere on the field.

## 5. Wisconsin

The Badgers also call upon a trio of tested and true tailbacks. Anthony Davis has rushed for the third-most yardage in the country over the past three years despite missing most of last season with a bum ankle. Despite being limited to just 682 yards in 2003, Davis enters his senior season with 3,703 career rushing yards and 31 touchdowns. Dwayne Smith returns after carrying most of the rushing load last year with 857 yards and nine touchdowns, and Booker Stanley is coming off a 523-yard redshirt freshman campaign.

## 6. Syracuse

Senior Walter Reyes has been setting records at the same school that produced Jim Brown, Ernie Davis and Floyd Little. Reyes posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons with 1,135 in 2002 and 1,347 last year, and he owns the school career record with 38 rushing touchdowns. Last season he set a school single-season record with 21 touchdowns (20 rushing, one receiving) and was also the team's second-leading receiver with 38 catches. Backup Damien Rhodes sat out most of last season with an ankle injury after setting a school freshman record of 1,268 all-purpose yards in 2002.



Marion Barber III

Bruce Schwartzman

## 7. North Carolina State

T.A. McLendon was hampered by leg injuries last season after an ACC Rookie of the Year showing in 2002. He ran for 1,101 yards and 18 touchdowns that year and landed on the All-ACC first team. In 2003, he gutted out 608 rushing yards and became the first player in school history to run for over 100 yards and catch passes for over 100 yards in the same game. Incoming freshman Andre Brown of Greenville and Darrell Blackman, who spent the 2003 season at Hargrave (Va.) Military Academy, have the same potential McLendon had as a newcomer.

## 8. New Mexico

Two-time first-team all-conference tailback DonTrell Moore led the Mountain West in rushing last year with a school-record 1,450 yards and 19 touchdowns. He is 1,278 yards shy of the school career rushing record with two years of eligibility remaining. In 2002, Moore was named conference Freshman of the Year on the strength of a 1,134-yard, 13-rushing touchdown campaign. D.D. Cox also ranked among the league leaders with 642 yards and seven touchdowns after transferring from Oklahoma State. Fullback Adrian Byrd averaged 5.9 yards on 34 carries.

## 9. Virginia

As a true freshman two years ago, Wali Lundy led the Cavaliers in rushing with 826 yards. He finished his rookie campaign as Continental Tire Bowl MVP after rushing for 127 yards and scoring four touchdowns. In 2003, he ran for 929 yards and led the ACC with 14 rushing touchdowns. Lundy's backup, Alvin Pearman, added 643 rushing yards and ranked second nationally among running backs with 63 pass receptions. Tailback Michael Johnson, one of the fastest players on the team, and fullback Jason Snelling redshirted last year after lettering as freshmen in 2002.

## 10. TCU

TCU possesses a potent one-two tailback punch. Robert Merrill finished last season with the school freshman rushing record of 1,107 yards, averaging 5.5 per carry — and he didn't appear until Game 3. He ran for over 100 yards in each of his first three starts, including a 204-yard outburst against Houston. The record Merrill broke had been set by Lonta Hobbs in 2002. Hobbs ran for 1,029 yards that season, and he's back after an ankle injury limited him to 659 yards in '03.



# 1. Michigan

# Top WR/TE Units



Braylon Edwards

**F**irst-team All-Big Ten returnee Braylon Edwards leads Michigan's stellar wide receiver corps. In 2004, Edwards should become the first player in Big Ten history with three 1,000-yard receiving seasons. Over the last two years he has caught 152 passes for 2,173 yards and 24 touchdowns. Jason Avant finished 2003 with a team-high 16.4-yard average on 47 receptions, including a highlight-reel one-handed touchdown snag at Northwestern. Steve Breaston, the 2003 Big Ten co-Freshman of the Year, ran back two punts for touchdowns and also caught 38 passes with three TD grabs. Returning tight end co-starter Tim Massaquoi added 15 catches with a pair of scores.

## 2. Oklahoma

The top five pass-catchers are back from Oklahoma's offensive powerhouse, led by All-American Mark Clayton. A returning Biletnikoff Award finalist, Clayton set seven school records last fall. He caught 83 passes for 1,425 yards (averaging 17.2 yards per catch) and 15 touchdowns. Of Brandon Jones' 46 receptions last season, five were for 45 or more yards, including a 66-yard touchdown catch against Oklahoma State and a 64-yarder against North Texas. Jejuan Rankins, Will Peoples and Travis Wilson all return after combining for 82 catches and 13 touchdowns in '03.

## 3. California

All-American Geoff McArthur should take sole possession of California's career receptions and receiving yardage records by midseason. Last fall, he averaged 17.7 yards on 85 catches with 10 touchdowns. In the final two regular-season games of 2003 McArthur caught 22 passes for 425 yards and three scores. Jonathan Makonnen was hurt last year after leading California with 54 catches in '02 and is full speed ahead for '04. Burl Toler caught 48 balls with three scores, and Chase Lyman also returns after nabbing five passes for 149 yards and a TD in the Insight Bowl.

## 4. Miami

The Hurricanes lost their top receiver, tight end Kellen Winslow, to the pros, but underestimating Miami's pass-catching talent would be a grave miscalculation. Ryan Moore finished second to Winslow with 44 catches, led the Canes in receiving yards with 637 and touchdown catches with three, and earned Freshman All-America honors. After lurking in Winslow's shadow as a rookie, Moore should explode into the national consciousness this year. Roscoe Parrish, Devin Hester, Akieem Jolla, Darnell Jenkins —

speed, speed, speed. And with tight ends Kevin Everett, Buck Ortega and Greg Olsen, Winslow's departure won't sting as much as one might expect.

## 5. Hawaii

Warrior wideout Chad Owens is as dangerous catching passes as he is returning kicks, and that's saying something. Owens wowed the nation in the 2001 BYU game with an NCAA-record-breaking kickoff return performance. Last season, he caught 85 passes for 1,134 yards and nine touchdowns and was first-team All-WAC. Britton Komine is coming off a 53-catch season in 2003, with Jason Rivers and Gerald Welch back after combining for 91 catches and nine TDs. Nate Iloa sat out last season with a knee injury after catching 46 passes as a freshman in 2002.

## 6. Georgia

Georgia quarterback David Greene will once again enjoy the luxury of Fred Gibson and Reggie Brown on the receiving end of his passes. Gibson was dogged by a hamstring last season yet still managed a team-high 15.4-yard average on 36 catches with three scores. When healthy, Gibson can be electrifying — he has 2,083 career receiving yards at 18.6 yards per catch. Brown paced last year's Bulldogs with 49 catches and three scores. Bryan McClendon, Mario Raley and Sean Bailey all earned spots in the 2004 playing rotation with strong performances last year.

## 7. Toledo

Toledo's Lance Moore led the nation last season with 103 catches (tying the Mid-American Conference record) for 1,194 yards and nine touchdowns. He caught 10 or more passes in six games and is only the second Toledo player to go over 1,000 receiving yards in a season. Andrew Clarke is one of the nation's best tight ends. He had 35 receptions last fall and 37 the year before. His 18 career touchdown catches rank second on the school charts. Wide receiver Steve Odom caught 62 balls for a team-high 13.5-yard average and six touchdowns last year as a freshman.

## 8. UCLA

Craig Bragg is the only player in UCLA history to have caught at least 50 passes in two seasons — he hauled in 55 in 2002 and 73 last fall — and joins J.J. Stokes as the only two with 10 catches each in two different games. Bragg has 157 career receptions for 2,362 yards and 15 touchdowns. Mercedes Lewis caught 30 passes, three for scores, from his tight end position last year. Junior Taylor (24 catches as a 2003 backup) and Idris Moss (23-yard average on four receptions) will play expanded roles in 2004.

## 9. Utah

Utah's Paris Warren set a school single-season record with 76 catches in 2003 after transferring from Oregon and sitting out a year, and landed on the All-Mountain West Conference first team. In 2001, Warren actually helped the Ducks beat Utah in Eugene by taking a pitch from Joey Harrington and completing a 50-yard pass to set up a score. Steve Savoy caught 40 passes as a redshirt freshman last year and posted team highs with 16.6 yards per catch and seven touchdown receptions. No. 3 pass-catcher Travis LaTendresse also returns after a 32-catch season.

## 10. Kansas

Mark Mangino feels so good about his corps of receivers that Charles Gordon, a two-way performer who caught 57 passes for 769 yards last season, will likely play defense full-time in 2004. Brandon Rideau was second on the team with 51 catches, giving him 80 for his career. Mark Simmons is the big-play man — his 19.2-yard average and seven touchdown catches both were team highs. Three of his touchdowns went for more than 65 yards.



# Top OL Units

## 1. Oklahoma

All five starting offensive linemen return for the Sooners in 2004, along with two others with starting experience. All-American and two-time first-team All-Big 12 tackle Jammal Brown returns for his third year as a starter. Brown led the 2003 Sooners in knockdowns with 127. All-conference center Vince Carter, one of six finalists for the '03 Rimington Award, graded out second to Brown and notched 118 knockdowns. Brown and Carter surrendered one sack apiece. Tackle Wes Sims and guards Davin Joseph and Kelvin Chaisson round out the starting five. Sims added 109 knockdowns, including 16 at Colorado and 15 at Iowa State.

## 2. Florida State

The Seminoles join the Sooners, returning their entire offensive line two-deep. Tackle Alex Barron was a consensus All-American as a junior last season. Ray Willis also returns at tackle for 2004. If Barron and Willis aren't the best pair of offensive tackles in the nation, they're certainly tied for first. Willis captured ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors twice during conference play last season. Guards Matt Meinrod and Bobby Meeks and second-team all-conference center David Castillo return to their posts for 2004, along with guard Ron Lunford, a three-game starter last year.

## 3. Georgia

Last year Georgia had nothing but freshmen and sophomores on its entire offensive line roster. Tackle Max Jean-Gilles was second-team All-SEC as a sophomore last year, leading the team in dominator blocks with 60, after appearing in all 14 contests as a true freshman in 2002. He could vie for All-America honors this fall. Daniel Inman, a 2003 Freshman All-American, is entrenched at the other tackle, where Dennis Roland also has starting experience. Russ Tanner is back at center, and last year's four-man guard rotation is back intact.

## 4. Virginia

All five of Virginia's starting linemen return, with three entering their third year as starters. Senior guard Elton Brown was the recipient of the 2003 ACC Jacobs Blocking Trophy. Brian Barthelmes is back after starting seven games at left guard, where Ian-Yates Cunningham finished the '03 season with five starts as a true freshman. Senior Zac Yarbrough anchors the line at center, while juniors D'Brickashaw Ferguson and Brad Butler hold down the tackle spots. Ferguson, a two-time ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week, has been a full-time starter since his arrival.

## 5. Wisconsin

Another line that returns en masse. Guard Dan Buenning spearheads one of the nation's most explosive run-blocking units. Buenning has started 37 of the last 39 games for the Badgers and was second-team All-Big Ten as a junior. Jonathan Clinkscales enters his third year as a starter at the other guard. Donovan Raiola settled in at center last year as a sophomore. Joe Thomas, who lined up at tackle, tight end and on defense last year as a true freshman, is a rangy, 6'8", 283-pound natural pass protector. He'll take over at left tackle, with Morgan Davis, last year's starter, moving to the right side and Mike Lorenz, last year's right tackle, now serving as a valuable reserve.

## 6. Miami

Eric Winston made the move from tight end to tackle prior to last season and walked right into the starting lineup. A 6'7", 310-pound junior, Winston is the Hurricanes' left tackle, but he could probably start anywhere along the line and be just as dominating. In his first year at a new position he was first-team All-Big East. Guard Chris Myers was a second-team all-conference selection. Myers allowed a grand total of one sack last



Oklahoma Sooners

Chris Covatta

season. Joel Rodriguez is still at center and there is no shortage of high-quality candidates for the two openings.

## 7. West Virginia

Tackle Tim Brown, a three-year starter who missed all last season with an injury, is back to bolster a Mountaineer offensive line that already boasts five returning starters. Brown was considered the team's best O-Lineman before rupturing his Achilles' tendon days before the 2003 season opener. Jeff Berk was second-team All-Big East and has starting experience at tackle and guard. Mike Watson worked his way into the starting lineup last fall after arriving from junior college. Guard Dan Mozes and center Jeremy Hines were starters last season as freshmen.

## 8. LSU

The LSU line held five of its last six 2003 regular-season opponents without a sack, and three full-time starters return for '04. The group is anchored by All-America center Ben Wilkerson. In 991 snaps last year, Wilkerson gave up three sacks and was flagged for three penalties. Andrew Whitworth, a 6'7", 325-pound tackle, was a first-team Freshman All-American in 2002. The versatile Nate Livings will likely line up at right tackle, and Rudy Niswanger is back after starting four midseason games while Livings was hurt.

## 9. Minnesota

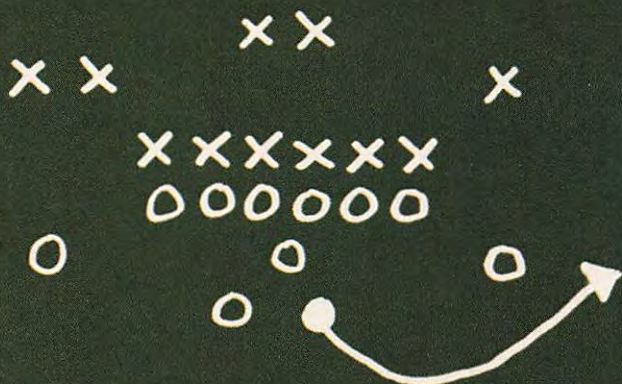
Four starters are back on a line that paved the way for the nation's third-ranked rushing attack and surrendered 16 sacks, fewest in the Big Ten. Junior center Greg Eslinger was first-team All-Big Ten and third-team AP All-America last season. At 285 pounds, Eslinger brings the ideal mix of strength and quickness. He has been entrenched as the starter since his freshman year, as has junior guard Mark Setterstrom. Rian Melander, a second-team all-conference pick last fall, is back for his senior year at tackle.

## 10. Texas

Texas welcomes back four starters among 11 lettermen on the offensive line. Tackles Jonathan Scott, a junior, and Justin Blalock, a sophomore, have 33 career starts between them. Blalock was a Freshman All-American. Junior guard Will Allen shared UT's 2002 Most Improved Offensive Player award. Mike Garcia started two games last fall and should move into the vacant guard spot, if Kasey Studdard doesn't take it. Center Jason Glynn has started 25 consecutive contests.



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# Top DL Units

## 1. LSU

Anyone who saw Marcus Spears' performance in LSU's 21-14 Sugar Bowl win over Oklahoma knows the Bayou Bengals have a disruptive force at defensive end. Spears notched 13 tackles for a loss last fall and was first-team all-conference. Kyle Williams also earned honorable mention all-conference honors after breaking into the starting lineup at tackle around midseason as a sophomore. Melvin Oliver and Kirston Pittman were integral parts of the defensive line rotation. Claude Wroten, one of the top junior college defensive tackle recruits in the nation, and freshman Marlon Favorite will also make their presence felt.

## 2. Oklahoma

All-America tackle Tommie Harris is gone, but five players with starting experience return. End Dan Cody and tackle Dusty Dvoracek both were third-team AP All-Americans and return after combining for 33 tackles for a loss and 17 sacks last season. Lynn McGruder or Lawrence Dampeer, or a combination of the two, will fill Harris' old tackle position with little drop-off. End Jonathan Jackson has compiled 23 tackles behind the line over the last two years. In last year's Texas game he intercepted a pass and ran it back 21 yards for a touchdown.

## 3. USC

The Men of Troy return two first-team All-Pac 10 defensive tackles in seniors Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson. But Cody will slide outside to end for 2004. He was the *USA TODAY* high school Defensive Player of the Year as an end four years ago. Cody and Patterson make nuisances of themselves in opponents' backfields. Cody's move outside came out of the need to get sophomore tackle Manuel Wright into the lineup. Frostee Rucker, Van Brown, Lawrence Jackson and heralded incoming freshman Jeff Schweiger more than make up for the loss of end Kenechi Udezue.

## 4. Miami

All-Big East tackle Vince Wilfork split for the pros with eligibility remaining, but who wouldn't want to have the defensive tackle duo of Orien Harris and Antonio Thomas on their side? Both are 6'4", 300-plus pounders who deny opponents the run. And Harris, as a starter last season, added four sacks. Tackle Kareem Brown started last year's Tennessee game as a freshman and registered four sacks for the season. Ends Baraka Atkins and Thomas Carroll combined for 10 sacks while playing in a rotation that also included returnees Javon Nanton, who paced the '03 Canes with eight sacks, and Alton Wright.

## 5. Wisconsin

First-team All-Big-Ten tackle Anttaj Hawthorne returns for his senior year with 29 consecutive starts and 31 tackles for a loss on his career ledger. He broke through the line for 20 last year alone. Ends Darius Jones and Jonathan Welsh return after combining for 15 tackles for a loss. Welsh puts the starch in the Badgers' pass rush; he contributed eight sacks last fall. Joe Monty, who started the Music City Bowl for an injured Jones, is also back. Jason Jefferson, with 24 career starts and 30 tackles in 2003, rejoins Hawthorne at tackle.

## 6. Missouri

Four returning starters, and two others with starting experience, will man the trenches for the Mizzou defense to open the 2004 season. Senior Atiyah Ellison and junior C.J. Mosley are the tackles. Last fall, the two combined for 139 tackles, 30 for a loss, including Mosley's team-high 16. Mosley was second-team All-Big 12. End Brian Smith led all the nation's freshmen last year with eight sacks. Zach Ville holds down the other end after an 11-tackles-for-a-loss campaign in 2003. Xzavie Jackson started four games and notched 34 tackles as a true freshman last season.



Marcus Spears

Layne Murdoch

## 7. North Carolina State

Wolfpack end Mario Williams, a 2003 Freshman All-American, started every game and collected 13 tackles for a loss and five sacks. Tackle John McCargo was an honorable mention All-ACC pick as a freshman last year after racking up 14 tackles for a loss. Junior tackle Dwayne Herndon worked his way into the lineup by midseason and finished strong. Lanky junior Manny Lawson (five blocked punts in two years) converted from linebacker to end before the Tangerine Bowl, and experienced depth is available in James Martin and Maurice Charles.

## 8. Texas

Junior tackle Rodrique Wright is the headliner. An explosive 6'5", 315 pounds, Wright broke through the line for 12 tackles for a loss and 7.5 sacks last season. Bryan Pickryl joined Wright on the freshman sensation list of 2002, but Pickryl missed most of last season with a shoulder injury. He is back at end for 2004 along with his replacement, Tim Crowder, and key reserve Mike Williams. Junior Larry Dibles moves into the lineup at left tackle after grooming behind Tubbs for the last two years.

## 9. Fresno State

The Bulldogs welcome back all four starters from last year's defensive line, including a pair of second-team All-WAC performers in end Brian Morris and tackle Garrett McIntyre. Morris turned in team highs with 15.5 tackles for a loss and 11 sacks last season, and is the top returning pass rusher in the conference. McIntyre and nosetackle Donyell Booker mounted an inside push that was good for a combined 21.5 tackles behind the line, and McIntyre added eight sacks. Senior end Claude Sanders enters 2004 with 112 tackles, 16.5 for a loss, and 10 sacks for his career.

## 10. Iowa

End Matt Roth is a first-team All-Big Ten returnee and a preseason All-American. Roth notched team highs last fall with 16 tackles for a loss and 12 sacks. He led the Hawkeyes with 10 sacks two years ago — as a backup. Jonathan Babineaux and Tyler Luebke will draw the tackle assignments. Luebke finished last season in the starting lineup; Babineaux enters his third year as a starter. Senior Derreck Robinson, an end-tackle swingman who started three games last fall, should claim the vacant end assignment if redshirt freshman Bryan Mattison doesn't get to it first.



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# Top LB Units

## 1. Virginia

**A**hmad Brooks, the 2001 *USA TODAY* high school Defensive Player of the Year who came to UVa by way of Hargrave Military Academy, led the Cavaliers in tackles as a freshman in 2003 with 117, including 10 for a loss, and was a Freshman All-American. Kai Parham started eight games alongside Brooks on the inside, rang up 89 tackles and was a second-team Freshman All-American. Darryl Blackstock was the National Defensive Freshman of the Year two years ago after leading the nation's freshmen in tackles for a loss (14) and sacks (10). Last season, he paced the Cavs in tackles for a loss with 16.

## 2. Iowa

Iowa linebacker Abdul Hodge was first-team All-Big Ten last year; Chad Greenway was second-team all-conference. Hodge led the Big Ten in tackles with 141; Greenway finished third in the league with 132. They combined for 20 tackles for a loss, four sacks and broke up nine passes between them, and they were just sophomores. Both are equally adept in pass coverage and shutting down the run. George Lewis had 28 tackles last year and started the Purdue game, and should move up full time on the outside. Edwin Miles appeared in every game as a freshman.

## 3. San Diego State

Four starters return at three available spots for the Aztecs. All-American Kirk Morrison will start for a fourth year in the middle after being selected the 2003 Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Morrison totaled 115 tackles and 17 tackles for a loss last fall. Matt McCoy paced the Aztecs in tackles with 125, 13 for a loss, and led the conference with 10.4 tackles per game, yet was only second-team all-league. Stephen Larsen and Heath Farwell have combined for 221 career stops and are co-starters at the other outside spot.

## 4. USC

Lofa Tatupu led the national champions in tackles with 98. He also intercepted four passes and ran one back for a touchdown. Tatupu lines up in the middle for the Trojans, with Matt Grootegoed on the strong side. Grootegoed started seven games as a freshman in 2001 and was first-team All-Pac-10 in '02 after leading the Trojans with 81 tackles and 16.5 tackles for a loss. Dallas Sartz, who started the second half of last season while Grootegoed was hurt, moves to the weak side. Ryan Powdrell is the nation's No. 1 junior college linebacker recruit, and Keith Rivers is the top-rated linebacker coming out of high school.

## 5. Ohio State

Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk was named first-team All-Big Ten last year by both the media and the coaches. He led the Buckeyes with 106 tackles, 13 for a loss, and intercepted two passes with 55 return yards. With the graduation of Fred Pagac and Robert Reynolds, juniors Bobby Carpenter and Mike D'Andrea can begin to live up to the lofty expectations they brought with them as touted recruits in 2002. They combined for 61 tackles as backups last year. And the Buckeyes' linebacker corps has been fortified by a pair of high-profile transfers — Anthony Schlegel and John Kerr.

## 6. Tennessee

Kevin Simon led the Vols with 115 tackles last year, 16 against Florida, despite not playing his ideal position, and landed on the All-SEC second team. He will line up in the middle, where he belongs, this year and should be even more productive. Kevin Burnett is back on the weak side, where he had 90 stops last fall. Jason Mitchell started the opener last year and now takes over full-time on the strong side. Mitchell, Omar Gaither and Jon Poe are all back after combining for 70 stops as last year's backups.



Ahmad Brooks

Al Koostra

## 7. North Carolina State

NC State welcomes back all of the linebackers from last year's two-deep. Second-team All-ACC pick Pat Thomas is back on the weak side after recording 130 total stops last year, including 15 for a loss and eight sacks. Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay also exceeded the 100-tackle plateau in 2003, returned an interception 56 yards for a touchdown and is back on the strong side. Oliver Hoyte, who turned in four double-figure tackle games last year, all on the road, is a force in the middle. Stephen Tulloch tallied 65 tackles last season as a freshman backup.

## 8. Michigan

Lawrence Reid led the Wolverines in tackles last fall with 82, including six behind the line and a sack. Pierre Woods converted from defensive end before last season and hinted at the havoc he can wreak as a 6'5", 248-pound outside linebacker — he finished second to Reid with 68 tackles, and led the team in tackles for a loss with 14 and in sacks with seven. Don't be surprised if converted safety Prescott Burgess makes the same impact as teammate Steve Breaston did as a return man in 2003.

## 9. Missouri

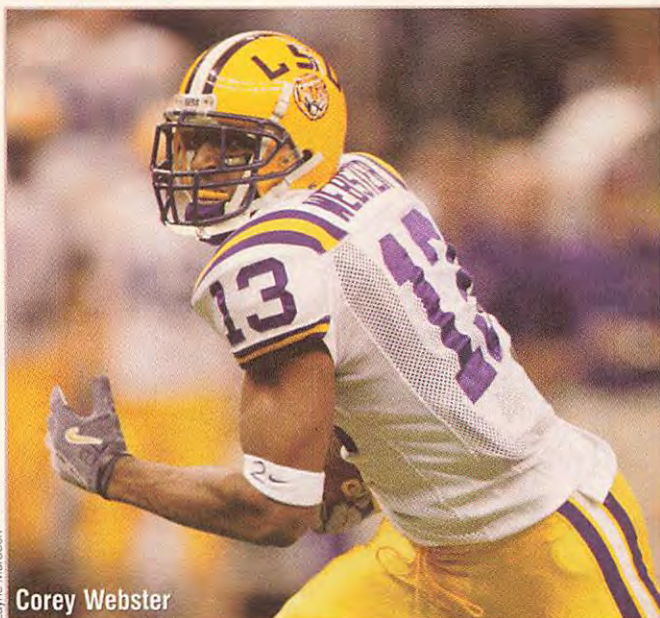
James Kinney led the Tigers in tackles for the second straight year (148 in 2002, 147 in '03) and was second-team All-Big 12. Henry Sweat also has starting experience. Dedrick Harrington came to Missouri as one of the nation's Top 10 "athletes." He was a member of the Freshman All-Big 12 team as a defensive back last fall. This year, he will bring his 6'3", 227-pounds of speed to linebacker. David Richard was a *USA TODAY* high school All-America linebacker in 2001, led Michigan State in rushing as a freshman tailback in 2002, transferred to Missouri and is a linebacker again.

## 10. Texas

Two starting linebackers return for the Longhorns in 2004, and one happens to be the best defensive football player in the nation. Derrick Johnson is a first-team All-American and two-time first-team All-Big 12 returnee. He can stop a running back in his tracks and cover wide receivers like a cornerback. Johnson has compiled 328 career tackles and eight interceptions. Two-year stalwart Reed Boyd is gone, but Aaron Harris is coming off a 60-tackle campaign. Garnet Smith, who missed most of the year with an injury, should reclaim his middle linebacker spot.



# 1. LSU



Corey Webster

Corey Webster came to LSU as a wide receiver, switched to cornerback for his sophomore year (2002) and intercepted seven passes, running one back for a touchdown. And he only started five games. Last year, he intercepted seven more passes and was a first-team All-American. On the other corner is Travis Daniels, who tied for the national lead with 26 pass breakups and returned one of his two picks 48 yards for a touchdown against Mississippi State. Safety LaRon Landry led the Tigers in tackles as a true freshman despite not starting until Game 6.

## 2. Oklahoma

Two full-time starters are gone, but four players with starting experience return to the Sooners' secondary. Strong safety Donte Nicholson was all over the field last year, making 90 tackles, 10 tackles for a loss, six sacks and two interceptions. Free safety Brodney Pool led the team with seven interceptions and wasn't even a starter. He is now. When Antonio Perkins wasn't tearing opponents' punt coverage teams to shreds he was playing cornerback, and he showed up with 51 tackles and three picks. Junior college transfer Chijoke Onyenegecha will have a major impact at cornerback.

## 3. Michigan

Marlin Jackson had a tough time playing out of position at safety last year. He now goes back to cornerback, where he was an All-American as a sophomore in 2002. He has 148 career tackles and eight interceptions. Cornerback Markus Curry and safety Ernest Shazor were second-team All-Big Ten selections in 2003, combining for 106 tackles and four picks. Jackson, Curry and Shazor are all seniors. Leon Hall was a Freshman All-American last season, starting three contests and leading the Wolverines with three interceptions. Sophomore Ryan Mundy appeared in 11 games as a freshman and is challenging for the safety vacancy.

## 4. Oregon State

Oregon State intercepted 20 passes last year and most of the culprits are back. Brandon Browner, the 2003 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, is a 6'4" cornerback. Browner intercepted six passes, including three against Arizona State, returned one 31 yards for a touchdown against USC, and was second-team All-Pac-10. Aric Williams picked off four passes at the other corner. Mitch Meeuwsen is back for his senior year at free safety after tying Browner for the team lead with six interceptions. Meeuwsen has 14 career picks, one shy of the school record, and 145 career tackles.

# Top DB Units

## 5. Florida State

The third- and fourth-leading tacklers from last year's Seminole defense return in safeties B.J. Ward and Jerome Carter, with 158 stops between them. Junior Pat Watkins, their backup, picked off three passes and had 62 tackles. Bryant McFadden is a shut-down cover corner opposing teams avoid at all costs. Leroy Smith tied Watkins for the team lead with three interceptions and returned one 90 yards for a touchdown against Notre Dame. Antonio Cromartie, the 2002 *USA TODAY* high school Defensive Player of the Year, pilfered a pass and took it 71 yards to paydirt against Duke.

## 6. Nebraska

The Cornhuskers led the nation last year in both pass efficiency defense and interceptions. Holding down the safety assignments are a pair of identical twin juniors from Chattanooga, Tenn. — Josh and Daniel Bullocks. Josh set a school and Big 12 record with 10 interceptions last fall, and is a returning All-American. Daniel rang up 69 tackles and picked off a pair of passes of his own. The cornerbacks are Fabian Washington and Lornell McPherson. Each had four picks apiece last year — McPherson as a backup. High School All-American Cortney Grixby of Omaha joins the club this fall.

## 7. Oklahoma State

Cornerback Darrent Williams intercepted six passes last year, returned them for a total of 130 yards and two touchdowns, broke up 17 other enemy aeriels and was first-team All-Big 12. Of his 11 career interceptions, Williams has run five of them in for scores. Cornerback Robert Jones and free safety Jon Holland had three interceptions each and combined for 137 tackles in '03. Vernon Grant was the Cowboys' second-leading tackler with 89 and is back at strong safety. Thomas Wright, Dan McLemore and Ricky Coxeff return after pilfering a pass apiece as backups.

## 8. Clemson

Clemson finished last season second in the ACC in pass defense and interceptions, and all four starters return in the secondary. Second-team All-ACC rover Jamaal Fudge registered 116 tackles and a team-high four interceptions last season. Justin Miller is one of the nation's top cornerbacks. After he led the conference in interceptions with eight in 2002, opponents played keep-away from him last year, but he still came up with two picks. Cornerback Tye Hill and free safety Travis Pugh also notched a pair of picks apiece.

## 9. Auburn

Auburn welcomes back its complete cast of defensive backs. Carlos Rogers, a former Freshman All-American, enters his fourth year as a starter at cornerback with five career picks. On the other corner is Kevin Hobbs, who scored the Tigers' only defensive touchdown of '03 on an interception return. Hobbs tied Will Herring for the team lead in interceptions with three. Herring, a Freshman All-SEC selection, set up Auburn's game-winning touchdown against Wisconsin in the Music City Bowl with a pick. Junior Rosegreen is entrenched at strong safety with 139 career tackles.

## 10. Tulsa

Tulsa ranked 16th nationally in pass defense and 11th in pass efficiency defense in 2003, and all five defensive back starters return in the 3-3-5 formation. Bandit Kendrick Alexander and cornerback Jermaine Hope were second-team All-WAC. The two picked off three passes each, and Alexander led the Golden Hurricane with 121 tackles. (Alexander was suspended in the spring after being arrested for burglary. His availability for the fall will be determined over the summer.) Cornerback Oliver Fletcher tallied a team-high four interceptions.

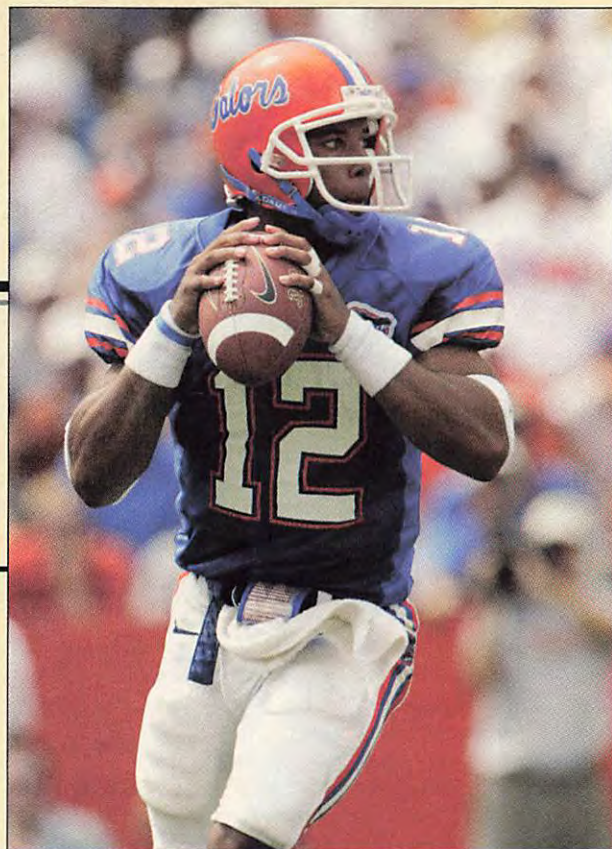




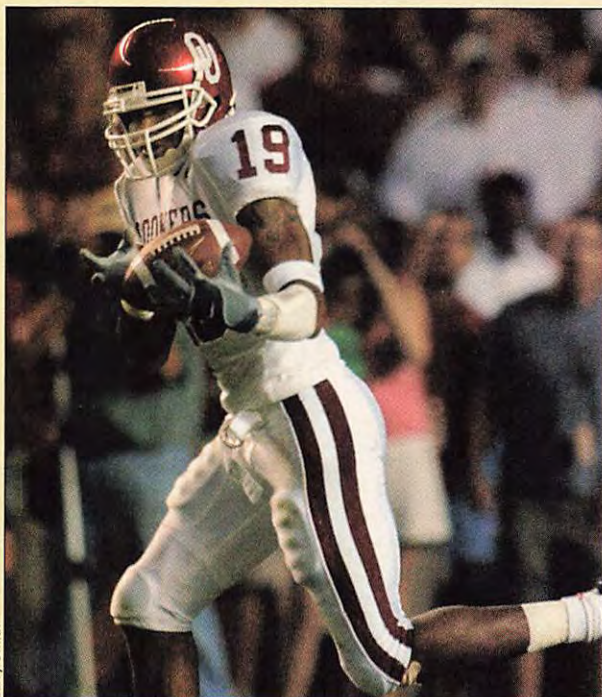
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# 2003 GOOD DECISIONS

Florida coach Ron Zook has been under pressure since he arrived in Gainesville replacing the legendary Steve Spurrier. Finding a quarterback seemed paramount since sterling play at the position was never a problem under Zook's predecessor. Ingle Martin had some experience at the position, but had failed to impress the coaches or fans. Enter true freshman Chris Leak. After Leak made his share of freshman mistakes early, Zook made the good decision of sticking with him, which paid off as Leak led the Gators to five straight SEC wins beginning with a rousing upset at LSU, the Tigers' only loss of the season.



Allen Kae



Larry Smith

On a September night in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the Oklahoma Sooners knew the time was right for an upset. Oklahoma was ranked No. 1 and believed they could win a national title. But with less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter and leading Alabama 13-10, the Sooners faced a 4th-and-10 on their own 31-yard line. Coach Bob Stoops made one of the best decisions of the season by calling a fake punt. Noting a weakness in Bama's punt coverage, co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said, "They had no prayer of stopping it if we got the look we wanted." He was right. The play was good for 22 yards. Shell-shocked, the Crimson Tide allowed a 47-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Jones on the next play, which secured the 20-13 victory for the Sooners, avoiding a costly upset.

In the fall of 2003 the USC Trojans were faced with the daunting task of replacing a Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback. Coach Pete Carroll had plenty of choices, and with the talent surrounding the quarterback, it seemed all he needed was an experienced signal-caller who wouldn't make mistakes. His options were plenty. Matt Cassel had served as Carson Palmer's backup the previous two seasons. Brandon Hance was a mature transfer from Purdue. And incoming freshman John David Booty was considered one of the top signees in the country. But sophomore Matt Leinart earned the coach's trust, and what a good decision that turned out to be. Leinart led the Trojans to a share of the national championship, earning MVP honors in the Rose Bowl.



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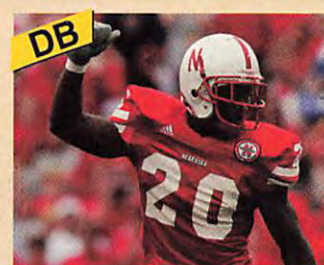
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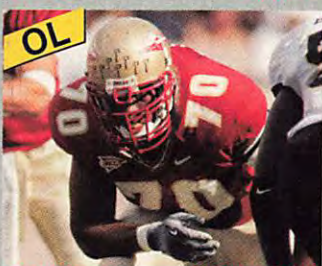
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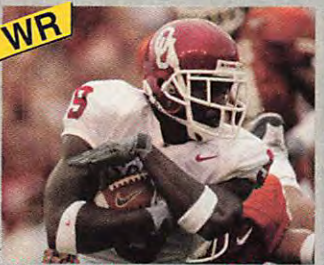
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## First Team

### Offense

QB	Jason White	6'3"	221	Sr.	Oklahoma
RB	Darren Sproles	5'7"	180	Sr.	Kansas State
RB	Justin Vincent	5'11"	205	So.	LSU
WR	Mark Clayton	5'11"	187	Sr.	Oklahoma
WR	Braylon Edwards	6'3"	206	Sr.	Michigan
TE	Heath Miller	6'5"	254	Jr.	Virginia
OL	David Baas	6'5"	307	Sr.	Michigan
OL	Alex Barron	6'6"	325	Sr.	Florida State
OL	Jammal Brown	6'6"	313	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Ben Wilkerson	6'4"	300	Sr.	LSU
OL	Eric Winston	6'7"	310	Jr.	Miami

### Specialists

K	Jonathan Nichols	6'0"	180	Sr.	Ole Miss
P	Dustin Colquitt	6'2"	196	Sr.	Tennessee

### Defense

DL	Dan Cody	6'5"	260	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Shaun Cody	6'4"	285	Sr.	USC
DL	Mathias Kiwanuka	6'8"	249	Jr.	Boston Coll.
DL	David Pollack	6'3"	276	Sr.	Georgia
LB	Michael Boley	6'3"	228	Sr.	So. Miss
LB	Derrick Johnson	6'4"	230	Sr.	Texas
LB	Kirk Morrison	6'2"	240	Sr.	San Diego St.
DB	Jamaal Brimmer	6'1"	215	Sr.	UNLV
DB	Josh Bullocks	6'0"	205	Jr.	Nebraska
DB	Antrel Rolle	6'1"	202	Sr.	Miami
DB	Corey Webster	6'0"	197	Sr.	LSU

KR	Reggie Bush	6'0"	190	So.	USC
PR	Skyler Green	5'9"	190	Jr.	LSU

## Second Team

### Offense

QB	Matt Leinart	6'5"	220	Jr.	USC
RB	Cedric Benson	6'0"	215	Sr.	Texas
RB	DeAngelo Williams	5'10"	217	Jr.	Memphis
WR	Chris Henry	6'5"	200	Jr.	West Virginia
WR	Geoff McArthur	6'1"	200	Sr.	California
TE	Matt Herian	6'5"	240	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	C.J. Brooks	6'6"	318	Sr.	Maryland
OL	Vince Carter	6'3"	289	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Greg Eslinger	6'3"	285	Sr.	Minnesota
OL	Nick Kaczur	6'5"	305	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Claude Terrell	6'3"	330	Sr.	New Mexico

### Specialists

K	Trey DiCarlo	6'0"	204	Jr.	Oklahoma
P	Tom Malone	6'0"	190	Jr.	USC

### Defense

DL	Dusty Dvoracek	6'3"	287	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Eric Henderson	6'3"	265	Jr.	Georgia Tech
DL	Matt Roth	6'4"	270	Sr.	Iowa
DL	Marcus Spears	6'4"	297	Sr.	LSU
LB	Will Derting	6'0"	237	Jr.	Wash. State
LB	Leroy Hill	6'1"	220	Sr.	Clemson
LB	Odell Thurman	6'1"	230	Jr.	Georgia
DB	Brandon Browner	6'4"	202	So.	Oregon State
DB	Thomas Davis	6'1"	220	Jr.	Georgia
DB	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	183	Sr.	Wisconsin
DB	Darrent Williams	5'9"	175	Sr.	Oklahoma

KR	DeAndra Cobb	5'10"	191	Sr.	Mich. State
PR	Antonio Perkins	6'0"	188	Sr.	Oklahoma

## Third Team

### Offense

QB	Charlie Whitehurst	6'4"	220	Jr.	Clemson
RB	Walter Reyes	5'10"	209	Sr.	Syracuse
RB	Carnell Williams	5'11"	204	Sr.	Auburn
WR	Derek Hagan	6'2"	192	Jr.	Arizona State
WR	Ryan Moore	6'3"	215	So.	Miami
TE	Andrew Clarke	6'4"	249	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Wesley Britt	6'8"	313	Sr.	Alabama
OL	Justin Geisinger	6'4"	330	Sr.	Vanderbilt
OL	Rob Petitti	6'6"	330	Sr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Adam Snyder	6'6"	320	Sr.	Oregon
OL	Steve Subia	6'3"	365	Sr.	N. Mexico St.

### Specialists

K	Connor Hughes	6'0"	178	Jr.	Virginia
P	Brandon Fields	6'6"	233	So.	Mich. State

### Defense

DL	Anttaj Hawthorne	6'3"	312	Sr.	Wisconsin
DL	Jovan Haye	6'3"	280	Jr.	Vanderbilt
DL	Mike Patterson	6'0"	285	Sr.	USC
DL	Justin Tuck	6'5"	245	Jr.	Notre Dame
LB	Channing Crowder	6'2"	241	So.	Florida
LB	Matt Grootegoed	5'11"	215	Sr.	USC
LB	Rian Wallace	6'4"	245	Jr.	Temple
DB	Darnell Bing	6'2"	220	So.	USC
DB	James Butler	6'3"	210	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DB	Travis Daniels	6'1"	187	Sr.	LSU
DB	Donnie McCleskey	5'10"	180	Jr.	California

KR	Devin Hester	5'11"	185	So.	Miami
PR	Steve Breaston	6'1"	181	Jr.	Michigan



# Coaching Carousel

*These 14 programs will have new bosses this fall.*

## Akron

**Coach:** J.D. Brookhart

**Former Job:** Offensive coordinator, wide receivers coach, University of Pittsburgh

**Pros:** Brookhart comes to Akron with a reputation as one of the finest receivers coaches in college football. He tutored two Biletnikoff Award Winners during his tenure at Pittsburgh — Antonio Bryant (2000) and Larry Fitzgerald (2003) — and played a key role in the Panthers' rise to national prominence. He is an outstanding recruiter who is well-liked by his players. Brookhart also has two years of NFL experience, having served on Mike Shanahan's staff in Denver in 1995 and '96.

**Cons:** Not only has Brookhart never been a head coach, he has never been in charge of calling the plays — even after four seasons as Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator. Running the entire show is quite a bit different than consulting with the head coach on an offensive game plan.

**Final Verdict:** Brookhart is a great fit for Akron for a variety of reasons. He has spent the past seven seasons recruiting Western Pennsylvania for Pittsburgh, so he knows the area well, and he knows the high school coaches. Brookhart has also been trained well: His two mentors, Shanahan and Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris, are among the most respected offensive minds in the game. He has been part of a winning program at Pittsburgh, and he is inheriting a team that has enjoyed some success in recent seasons. The Zips have a respectable 22–16 league record over the past five seasons, but with MAC powers Miami (Ohio) and Marshall residing in the Eastern Division, breaking through to the upper echelon of the conference will not be easy.

## Arizona

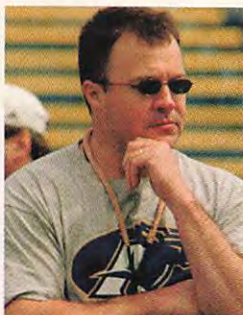
**Coach:** Mike Stoops

**Former Job:** Associate head coach and co-defensive coordinator, Oklahoma

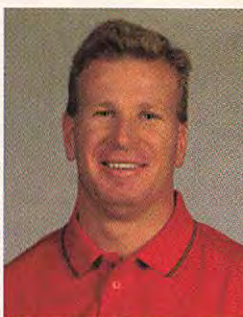
**Pros:** Stoops was perhaps the most qualified assistant coach ready to make the jump this past off-season. He has coordinated some of the best defenses in the country over the past decade, first at Kansas State, then at Oklahoma. Working alongside his brother Bob the past five seasons, Stoops helped Oklahoma re-emerge as one of the nation's top college football programs. He coaches with tremendous passion and has all of the necessary ingredients to be a successful head coach.

**Cons:** Stoops has never been a head coach, but neither had his brother when OU hired him away from Florida following the 1998 season. Mike Stoops must now deal with the extracurricular activities (media, booster functions, speaking engagements, etc.) required of a head coach at a major conference school.

**Final Verdict:** Arizona could have thrown big money around to lure away an established Division I-A head coach, but they would have had a hard time finding a better fit for their head coaching vacancy. Stoops is



J.D. Brookhart



Mike Stoops



Bobby Ross



Brian Kelly

the perfect coach to clean up John Mackovic's mess in Tucson. He brings a passion to the job and will have his players convinced they can compete at the highest level. Even though he lacks head coaching experience, the Stoops name and his track record at OU will give him instant credibility.

## Army

**Coach:** Bobby Ross

**Former Job:** Head coach, Detroit Lions (retired November 2000)

**Pros:** Ross is a proven winner who will give the Army program a much-needed shot of adrenaline. The once-proud Black Knights recorded just five total wins over the past four seasons and have fallen to the bottom of the college football food chain. The program needed something or someone to get excited about. And Ross is that man. He won big at Maryland (39–19–1, three ACC titles in five seasons) and Georgia Tech (1990 co-national champs) before moving on to coach both the Chargers and Lions in the NFL. Ross, a Virginia Military Institute grad who later served as the head coach at The Citadel for five seasons in the 1970s, clearly understands what life is like at a military academy. There will be no difficult adjustments.

**Cons:** The 67-year-old Ross will be the third-oldest Division I-A head coach in the nation this fall. He 'retired' as the Lions' head coach in the middle of the 2000 season after he questioned his ability to motivate his team after a disappointing loss to Miami. Now, four years later, does Ross have the motivation to take on one of college football's greatest challenges? How will the losing — and there will be plenty of losing — affect him?

**Final Verdict:** Hiring Ross was a risk that Army had to take. Yes, he's old, but he can coach. Navy's recent emergence — the Middies won eight games last year — puts even more pressure on Army to succeed. Navy has proven it can be done in today's college football climate, but you have to have the right coach. Navy has that in Paul Johnson. Army believes Ross will be the man who can restore order at West Point.

## Central Michigan

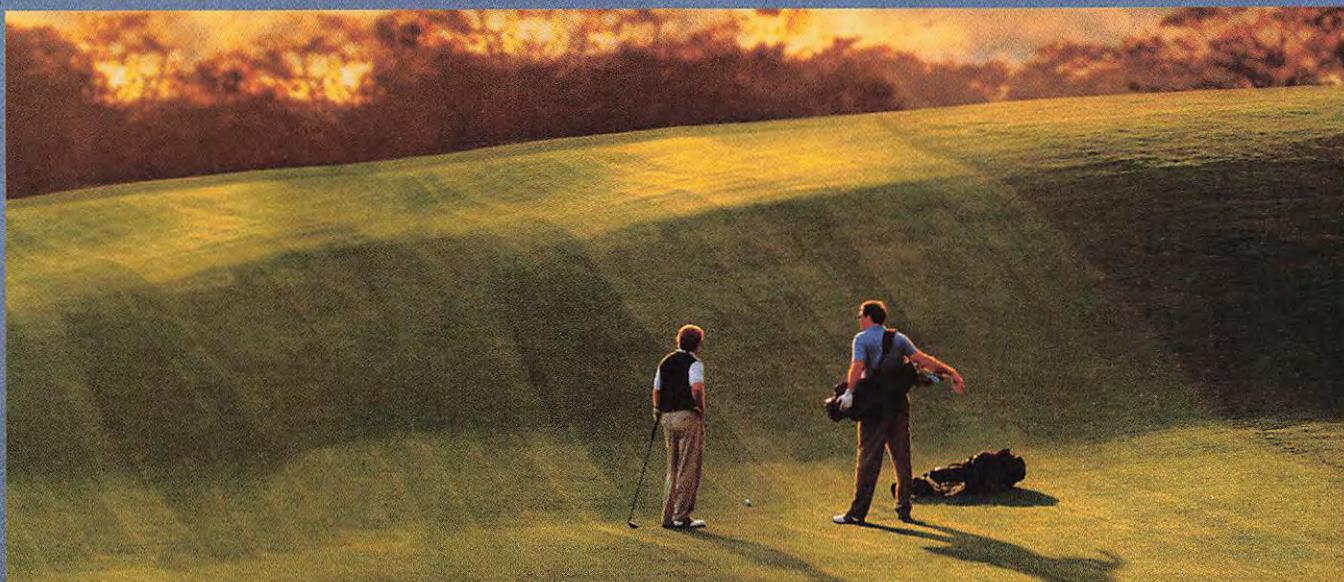
**Coach:** Brian Kelly

**Former Job:** Head coach, Grand Valley State

**Pros:** You want a proven winner? Well, Kelly won an amazing 76.7 percent of his games in his 13 years as the head coach at Division II Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich. His last three teams went a combined 41–2 and won consecutive national titles in 2002 and '03. Kelly is also very familiar with recruiting the state; 73 of the 86 players on the 2003 Grand Valley State roster are Michigan natives.

**Cons:** Kelly has spent his entire 22-year coaching career on the Division II level. He spent four years as an assistant at Assumption (Mass.) College and five at Grand Valley State before taking over as the head coach in 1991. There won't be tremendous demands on his time as





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the head man at CMU, but coaching on the Division I-A level is a completely different animal.

**Final Verdict:** After Mike DeBord, the former offensive coordinator at Michigan, won just 12 games (eight against I-A competition) in four seasons at CMU, athletic director Herb Deromedi opted to go a different route. Rather than hire a coordinator from a big-name school, Deromedi sought out a proven winner who has run a program. He found that in Kelly — a man who has averaged over nine wins per season as a head coach. This should turn out to be a great hire for a school eager to return to prominence in the MAC.

## Cincinnati

**Coach:** Mark Dantonio

**Former Job:** Defensive coordinator, Ohio State

**Pros:** Dantonio has coordinated one of the top defenses in the country over the past three seasons and has been part of a national championship team at Ohio State. He has served under three of the most respected head coaches in the game — Jim Tressel at Ohio State (2001-03), Nick Saban at Michigan State (1995-2000) and Glen Mason at Kansas (1991-94). Dantonio is an Ohio native (Zanesville) who has 12 years of experience as an assistant in the state.

**Cons:** Dantonio was not the Bearcats' first choice — Frank Solich, Bob Davie and Urban Meyer were among those in the mix — and he does little to get the UC fan base fired up for the school's impending move into the Big East. Dantonio has never been a head coach at any level and has only been a coordinator for three seasons.

**Final Verdict:** UC athletic director Bob Goins made a coaching change because he felt the school needed to increase its national profile as it heads into the Big East. Dantonio, while a respected coordinator, does not accomplish that goal. Meyer, a UC grad who has done a remarkable job at Bowling Green and Utah, would have been the ideal man for the job, but he chose not to pursue the position. Dantonio not only has to win games, but he also has to do something to get people in the seats. Cincinnati ranked 91st in the nation in attendance last season (21,961) and averaged just 13,000 for its final two home games.

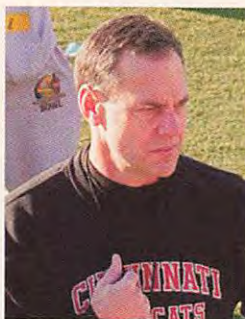
## Duke

**Coach:** Ted Roof

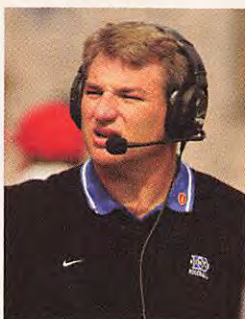
**Previous Job:** Interim head coach, Duke

**Pros:** Roof did an outstanding job in his five games as Duke's interim head coach, highlighted by a 41-17 win over Georgia Tech and a 30-22 victory over rival North Carolina. Carl Franks, the previous head coach, went 3-33 in ACC games before losing his job last October; Roof went 2-3 in his five-game trial run. Roof also has a strong track record as a defensive coordinator, both at Georgia Tech and Duke. The Jackets' defensive numbers improved from 413.8 yards and 30.3 points per game in 1999, his first season as the coordinator, to 333.3 and 22.2 in 2001, his final season. The '01 Duke defense (without Roof) was one of the worst in the nation, allowing 492.0 yards per game. Roof's first Devil 'D' improved by over 100 yards per game (375.2), and his 2003 unit ranked a respectable 57th in the nation (374.9).

**Cons:** Not many — other than his lack of experience as a head coach. Also, Roof was the overwhelming pick by the Duke players to receive the job. And that isn't always a good thing. The players' choice often turns out to be a guy who excels as an assistant but struggles running his own



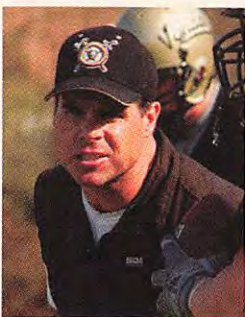
Mark Dantonio



Ted Roof



Jeff Genyk



Nick Holt

show — like Bobby Williams at Michigan State.

**Final Verdict:** Duke's coaching search reportedly came down to Hue Jackson, the former offensive coordinator with the Washington Redskins, Bobby Ross, the well-traveled college and pro head coach who was hired by Army in early December, and Roof. The Devils opted to stay in-house and promote Roof. It will likely turn out to be a wise move. Duke ended the 2003 season on a strong note and carried the momentum through the winter with a solid recruiting class. Roof has given the Blue Devil faithful a legitimate reason to be optimistic — something that hasn't happened in quite a few years.

## Eastern Michigan

**Coach:** Jeff Genyk

**Former Job:** Running backs coach, Northwestern

**Pros:** Eastern Michigan was looking for a coach with deep Michigan roots, and they found their man in Genyk. Born in Ann Arbor and raised in Milan, Genyk is very familiar with southeastern Michigan, an area where the Eagles focus their recruiting. He has been charged with taking the EMU program from the bottom of the MAC to the top of the league, and he has plenty of experience in rebuilding efforts. Genyk, a member of the Northwestern staff the past 12 seasons, was a part of one of college football's most unlikely rags-to-riches stories. A former quarterback at Bowling Green (1978-81), Genyk also has ties to the Mid-American Conference.

**Cons:** Genyk comes to Eastern Michigan lacking experience. Not only has he never served as a head coach at any level, but he has also never coordinated a unit of his own. And he only has seven years of service as a position coach on the Division I-A level. He was a part of Northwestern football for a dozen years but spent the first two seasons as a graduate assistant and the next three as the Coordinator of Football Operations before being promoted to outside linebackers coach in 1997.

**Final Verdict:** Jeff Woodruff, Eastern Michigan's last coach, had spent 17 years as an assistant on the West Coast prior to taking over in Ypsilanti. Genyk, on the other hand, has spent his entire life in the Midwest, and his recruiting responsibilities at Northwestern were Chicago's Western suburbs and Michigan. In that regard, he is a good fit at EMU. But the concern has to be his lack of experience. This is a big jump for a guy who has never been responsible for more than a handful of players.

## Idaho

**Coach:** Nick Holt

**Former Job:** Linebackers coach, USC

**Pros:** Holt has been a part of winning football programs and coached under outstanding head coaches during his 17 years as an assistant coach. Most recently, he coached linebackers at USC, working under defensive mastermind Pete Carroll. Prior to that, Holt was part of John L. Smith's staff at Louisville that transformed the Cardinals into a Conference USA power. He has also spent eight years on the Idaho staff, four as the defensive line coach (under Smith) and four as the defensive coordinator (one year under Smith, three under Chris Tormey).

**Cons:** None. True, Holt has never been a head coach, but Idaho is not in a position to lure away a coach from another Division I-A school.

**Final Verdict:** Idaho is one of the more difficult jobs in the country. The Vandals are in the worst I-A league in the nation, they have poor facilities and a small fan base. Holt, however, is fully aware of the chal-



lenges in Moscow. He spent almost half of his career at Idaho and was a part of some very successful Vandal teams. Despite Idaho's recent struggles (just six wins in the past three seasons), Holt is inheriting a team with some decent talent. Tom Cable recruited relatively well during his short stint, so there is hope Idaho can be competitive in the Sun Belt.

## Kent State

**Coach:** Doug Martin

**Former Job:** Offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach, Kent State

**Pros:** Martin directed one of the nation's biggest offensive turnarounds in his first season as Kent State's offensive coordinator. The Golden Flashes improved from 335.1 yards and 16.8 points per game in 2002 to 375.8 yards and 26.8 points in 2003. Their 32-spot jump in the national ranking in scoring offense (94th to 62nd) was the fifth-biggest in the country last fall. Kent State scored 30 or more points in a school-record eight games, including each of the final six games. Prior to joining the Kent State staff last season, Martin played an integral role in East Carolina's successful run in the 1990s. He was an assistant at ECU for 11 years, including the final seven as the Pirates' offensive coordinator.

**Cons:** Martin's only drawback appears to be his lack of experience as a head coach. One could argue that his lack of familiarity with the Midwest — he has spent all but one year of his career at Kentucky, East Tennessee State and East Carolina — could be a negative, but that is a bit of a stretch.

**Final Verdict:** Kent State was left in a bind when former coach Dean Pees resigned in late February to take a job with the New England Patriots. Athletic director Laing Kennedy was fortunate someone as qualified as Martin was on the KSU staff. With spring practice approaching, it would have been difficult to hire a quality coach away from another school in early March. Martin is a good fit, and he should make a smooth transition from coordinator to head coach.

## Mississippi State

**Coach:** Sylvester Croom.

**Former Job:** Running backs coach, Green Bay Packers

**Pros:** Croom comes to Starkville with 28 years of coaching experience, 17 in the NFL (including four as a coordinator in Detroit) and 11 on the collegiate level. He is a highly respected man who has embraced the challenge of becoming the first black head coach in the Southeastern Conference. Coaching in the South, however, will be nothing new for Croom, an Alabama grad who spent 11 years (1975-86) coaching at his alma mater. He was a part of two Alabama national champs as a coach and one as a player.

**Cons:** Croom has never been a head coach on any level, and he has not coached in the collegiate ranks since 1986. Mississippi State also struggled mightily in the recruiting game this past off-season. It's hard to pin all of the blame on Croom, who was hired in early December, but the Bulldogs signed a class that almost every recruiting analyst ranked last in the SEC.

**Final Verdict:** Mississippi State was widely praised for hiring Croom, who was passed over at his alma mater last year in favor of Mike Shula. He has a difficult job at Mississippi State. The Bulldogs have an 8-27 record since the start of the 2001 season and have won just one of their past 16 SEC games. The school has been under investigation by the



Doug Martin



Sylvester Croom



Bill Callahan



Chris Ault

NCAA for the past several years and could face damaging sanctions in the near future. Croom might have to weather a few storms, but Mississippi State football appears to be in good hands.

## Nebraska

**Coach:** Bill Callahan

**Former Job:** Head coach, Oakland Raiders

**Pros:** Callahan was dismissed by the Raiders after just two seasons, but he is still one of only 39 men who have coached a team to the Super Bowl — and that will carry significant weight on the recruiting trail. Callahan is known nationally as an NFL coach, but he has actually spent more time coaching in college. He coached seven years at Illinois, two at Northern Arizona, one at Southern Illinois and five at Wisconsin, where he earned the reputation as one of the nation's top recruiters. Callahan is a highly regarded offensive coach who will bring the forward pass back to Nebraska football. He also has assembled an impressive coaching staff, which includes Kevin Cosgrave, the longtime defensive coordinator at Wisconsin, and John Blake, the former Oklahoma head coach.

**Cons:** Callahan's final season as a head coach in Oakland was a debacle and created doubt about his ability to relate to his players. Several Raiders were openly critical of Callahan, and he wasn't shy about criticizing the players. After one disturbing late-season loss, Callahan called the Raiders "the dumbest team in America."

**Final Verdict:** Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson was widely criticized during his search for a new coach. But it appears that Pederson found a great fit for the Nebraska football program. Callahan has a strong background in the collegiate game, and he should have no problem attracting talented players to run his West Coast offense. The Huskers will be back among the nation's elite in the next few years.

## Nevada

**Coach:** Chris Ault

**Former Job:** Athletic director, Nevada

**Pros:** Ault has already proven he can be a successful head coach at Nevada. A 2002 inductee into the college football Hall of Fame, Ault compiled a 163-63-1 record in his 19 seasons as the Wolf Pack's coach (1976-92, 94-95). Nevada competed in the Division I-AA ranks during the majority of Ault's first stint, but he proved he could win on the I-A level as well. The Pack went 25-10 in his three seasons after the move to I-A and either won outright or shared the Big West title each year. Ault's affiliation with the University of Nevada began in 1965, when he arrived on campus as a freshman quarterback.

**Cons:** Ault's long-term commitment to coaching has to be questioned. He is saying all of the right things now, but keep in mind he has stepped down as Nevada's coach on two previous occasions — first in 1992, after the Pack's first season competing on the I-A level, and then again in 1995. Ault's ascension to the throne in Reno (for the third time) didn't sit well with all Pack faithful. He fired previous coach Chris Tormey on a Sunday, and by Tuesday night, Ault, the school's athletic director, was introduced as the new coach.

**Final Verdict:** At 57, Ault is still young enough to give Nevada at least five good years on the sidelines. He has a tremendous track record of success at the school, and he should bring some energy back to the Wolf Pack program. Tormey was fired because he failed to beat rival UNLV in



four seasons, and because the Pack were unable to compete with the elite teams in the WAC. Ault will ultimately be judged in those two areas.

## UCF

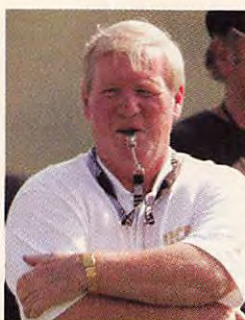
**Coach:** George O'Leary

**Former Job:** Defensive coordinator, Minnesota Vikings

**Pros:** O'Leary was one of the most highly regarded head coaches in college football before the résumé-gate fiasco at Notre Dame following the 2001 season. He took over the Georgia Tech program on a full-time basis in 1995 and guided the Yellow Jackets to a 52-33 record (36-20 record in ACC games) over the next seven seasons. Tech tied Florida State for the league title in 1998 and tied for second place in both '99 and '00.

**Cons:** Fair or not, O'Leary comes to Orlando with some baggage after his forced resignation at Notre Dame for inaccuracies on his résumé. And while his record at Georgia Tech is impressive, the Yellow Jackets' defense struggled at times during his tenure. His 1997 team allowed a (modern-day) school-record 420.0 yards per game, and the '99 Jackets gave up 413.8 yards and a school-record 30.3 points per game. Some people credit Ralph Friedgen, O'Leary's offensive coordinator, for Tech's success in the late '90s. With Friedgen on his staff, O'Leary went 32-16 in the ACC; after the Fridge left for Maryland in 2001, the Jackets, with 16 starters back, slumped to a disappointing 4-4.

**Final Verdict:** Landing O'Leary was a real coup for UCF athletics director Steve Orsini. The Golden Knights are struggling to find their place on the ever-changing Division I-A landscape. They failed to make an immediate impact in the MAC and will be leaving the league for Conference USA after the 2004 season. O'Leary gives the program some



George O'Leary



Mike Price

much-needed identity. There is more than enough talent in Florida to keep UCF stocked with quality players, and O'Leary should be able to field teams that can compete for league titles over the next decade.

## UTEP

**Coach:** Mike Price

**Former Job:** Head coach, Alabama

**Pros:** Price is a proven winner who has been successful at the highest level of college football. He guided Washington State to three 10-win seasons in his final six years in Pullman, including a 20-5 record over his final two seasons. Prior to Price's arrival in 1989, the Cougars had played in just four bowl games and had not won a conference title since 1930. In his 14 years, Washington State claimed a share of two Pac-10 titles and played in five bowl games. He is a well-respected offensive coach who tutored three first-team All-America quarterbacks — Drew Bledsoe, Ryan Leaf and Jason Gesser.

**Cons:** Price was forced out at Alabama before ever coaching a game due to a scandal that may or may not have involved a stripper — depending on who you believe. Price insists "what was reported was drastically different from what happened." Still, he made a mistake and it nearly cost him his livelihood.

**Final Verdict:** UTEP might have taken a bit of public relations hit nationally by hiring Price, but it was an opportunity the school could not pass up. He gives the program instant credibility and has already begun attracting outstanding players; former UCLA tailback Tyler Ebell, who rushed for 4,495 yards and 64 TDs as a senior in high school in 2000, transferred to UTEP in January. Winning, however, won't be easy in El Paso. The Miners have had just one winning conference record in the past 15 seasons and three in the past 33 years.

O'Leary: UCF SID; Price: UTEP SID

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# Pro Performance Series Strength & Conditioning

by Ed Atlas

If you subscribe to the belief that championships are won and all-stars developed during the off-season, then your favorite team's fortunes are being mined as you turn these pages with one hand ... and reach for another fistful of cheesy curls with the other.

At issue is strength training and conditioning, a year-round regimen that combines age-old common sense with new-age science to mold young men into elite athletes. From L.A. to Nashville, and Syracuse to Louisville, strength coaches toil far from the spotlight, but are under the microscope nonetheless.

"Our job as strength coaches is to make better athletes," says Chris Carlisle, head strength coach at the University of Southern California. "If we give the coaches a better athlete, then they can expand the scope of what they do."

Last year Carlisle and his staff gave coach Pete Carroll's Trojans enough athletes to claim a share of the mythical national championship. But the task is arduous. Years can pass before February's prized recruits are prepared for the rigors of an afternoon of college football.

"Working with collegiate kids presents a number of challenges," says William Hicks, strength coach at Syracuse University. "Your 17-to-19-year-olds are still kids while your 21-to-22-year-olds are young men. There's a big difference in them and how they develop."

Among the tasks involved in the process of developing a top-flight athlete are weight training, speed and agility training, conditioning, diet, discipline and strict compliance with rules regarding substances that are either banned or restricted by the NCAA. Having evolved over time, the NCAA mandates are designed to protect the health of the athlete, and to prevent them from acquiring an artificial competitive advantage through the use of performance-enhancing drugs or substances.

The strength coach, in cooperation with the training and medical staffs, monitors and supervises the aforementioned activities. The job can be dicey since human resources vary from school to school, and due to the simple fact that no staff, regardless of its size, can monitor the activities of some 100 college athletes over the course of a typical day.

Under Carlisle's direction, USC employs a total of six full-time strength coaches. On the other hand, a division I-AA program like Tennessee State has only three coaches, with Kato Smith the only full-timer. "One of our bigger drawbacks is that we have just one weight room and it's shared by all athletes and physical education classes," says Smith. "With different practice times and classes there are a lot of conflicts, but we manage to get it done."

Effective strength and conditioning programs begin at the training table. At Louisville, meals are as much a part of the training process as pumping iron or running stadium steps.

"We want the kids to enjoy eating but we want them to be intelligent about it, too," says strength and conditioning coach Jason Veltkamp. "You can't be with them 24 hours a day, so when you have them you have to watch what they put on their plate. Only a few players are on restricted diets and they'll sit next to a strength coach at the training table."

Smith's primary tool is education. "My main thing is to teach the players how to eat correctly and I preach all the time about healthy snacks," he says. "Just because you need to gain weight doesn't mean you can eat a big bowl of ice cream every night."

"The average player needs about 3,000 calories per day but it all varies according to size and weight. If a guy needs to gain a pound a week, we'll add 500 calories a day. We want them to have plenty of vegetables and we don't want them to overload on protein because most research indicates that too much can be difficult for the body to break down."

Even though Tennessee State and USC reside on opposite ends of the competitive spectrum, Smith's philosophy differs little from Carlisle's. "I try to educate them on what to eat, when to eat and why to eat certain foods," says Carlisle. "If a player needs to lose weight, we cut calories. If he needs to gain, we add. There's a reason for everything we do and we want them to know why we do these things when we do them."



Syracuse Strength Coach William Hicks

To one degree or another, practically every school utilizes supplements to help players recover from competition and workouts, and to help fill in the gaps if they are not consuming enough calories or specific nutrients at the training table.

Supplements — which generally come in the form of shakes, snack bars, beverages and multivitamins — are often mass-marketed and available at major grocery and health food stores. Some are designed to promote weight gain while others provide additional protein and carbohydrates.

Louisville's players receive supplements after each practice or



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workout. "The players come to the weight room and report to a strength coach," says Veltkamp. "We have three lists. Those on the A list receive a shake and those on the B list get an increased amount. Then we have an X list for players that have high to extreme recovery needs. What they actually receive varies from individual to individual." Players who require a mid-morning snack are provided with an additional shake or snack bar that can be consumed easily between classes.

Both USC and Syracuse have contracts with MET-Rx, whose collegiate series of supplements consists of products that meet NCAA requirements. However, both Carlisle and Hicks have a rather conservative approach when it comes to dispensing supplements.

"About 35 percent of our players use supplements, usually a premixed shake for added calories," says Hicks. "Another 12 percent go the other way and the rest simply get three squares each day. They eat, grow and work out. We do not use pure muscle-building supplements. We want kids to get their nour-

think that is why we're so strong in the fourth quarter."

Typically, programs focus on strength and speed gains during the winter, and conditioning during the summer. Once the season begins, the volume of work decreases but the intensity remains high. In season, strength coaches generally see the travel squad twice a week and all others three days a week.

Syracuse's annual training program culminates with "Hell Week" in early July. "Hell Week" consists of four days of lifting and five days of running. The regimen eases slightly for the next two weeks, then the players get a week off before camp.

In-season training takes the form of "aggressive maintenance" at USC. "We don't attempt to get stronger in the lower body but we have a chance to improve in our upper body," says Carlisle. "I want to be a little stronger when we get to the bowl game."

The day after games is also a busy time in weight rooms across the country. "That's when we work out the soreness," says Smith. "Stretching and lifting helps rid the body of lactic acid build-up."



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**Tennessee State Strength Coach Kato Smith**



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**USC Head Strength Coach Chris Carlisle**

ishment from food sources. It enables them to hold their weight. There are no shortcuts. Quick gains mean quick losses."

Carlisle is not a "big believer" in supplements. However, he is an advocate for the most basic component of any healthy diet — water. "Water is huge," he says. "With so much science and information available, water tends to get overlooked. We keep bottles in the weight room at each platform so they can hydrate themselves while they're working."

When the Trojans work, it is always at breakneck speed.

"We're a 'movement-based' program," says Carlisle. "We really want to see the athletes move. We work our abdominal and lower back regions religiously every day."

Instead of traditional crunches and sit-ups, the Trojans use medicine balls and execute abdominal exercises that mimic movements and motions players make during games.

"Our training promotes explosiveness and power," says Carlisle. "We get their heart rates up to levels higher than in games, then go off to the weight room for 30-45 minutes. I

On the collegiate level it's not unusual to find superbly gifted athletes who can, at least for a limited time, compete at a high level even if they don't put forth maximum effort in the weight room. When confronted with those cases, strength coaches often take on the role of psychologist.

"I think that's where we make our money," says Veltkamp. "We can't let one of them bend the rules. We have to get in their ear and let them know that the others don't have their ability; they have to set the tone for the entire team."

On the other hand, the strength coach is often the first member of the staff to see an awkward redshirt or scout team member blossom into an impact player.

"It's really gratifying when you see the hard work pay off," says Hicks. "Some kids really take to the weights and the training and you can see the transformation take place day after day."

"That's when you can't wait to go into the next staff meeting and say, 'I think we got ourselves something special.'"



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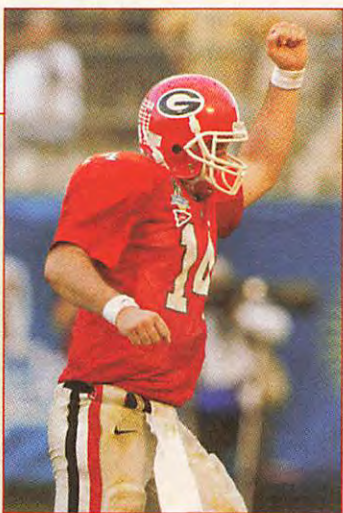
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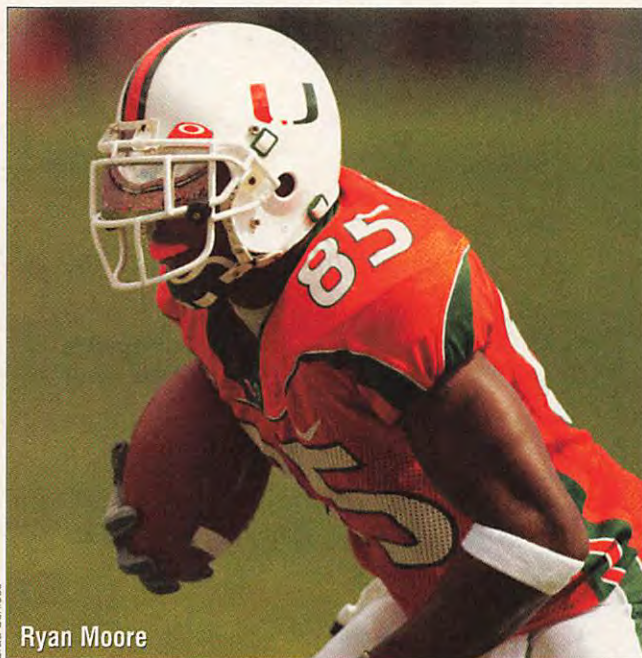
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| 1. Miami         | 7. Virginia Tech   |
| 2. Florida State | 8. Georgia Tech    |
| 3. Clemson       | 9. Wake Forest     |
| 4. Maryland      | 10. North Carolina |
| 5. Virginia      | 11. Duke           |
| 6. NC State      |                    |

### Big Shoes to Fill

#### Jay Davis or Marcus Stone, NC State, QBs

Davis and Stone will battle it out to replace Philip Rivers, one of the most accomplished quarterbacks in ACC history.

#### Marques Hagans, Virginia, QB

As a freshman, Hagans briefly beat out Matt Schaub, the Cavs' all-time passing leader. As a junior, he will be asked to make plays after a year at receiver.

#### Jon Tenuta, Georgia Tech, Defensive Coordinator

Must replace entire linebacker corps, headed by Daryl Smith and Key Fox.

#### Kevin Everett, Miami, TE

Steps in for first-round draft pick Kellen Winslow. He won't be a distraction — but he won't be as dangerous, either.

### All-ACC First Team

#### Offense

QB	Charlie Whitehurst	6'4"	220	Jr.	Clemson
RB	P.J. Daniels	5'10"	210	Jr.	Georgia Tech
RB	T.A. McLendon	5'11"	216	Jr.	NC State
WR	Ryan Moore	6'3"	215	So.	Miami
WR	Craphonso Thorpe	6'2"	185	Sr.	Florida State
TE	Heath Miller	6'5"	254	Jr.	Virginia
OL	Alex Barron	6'6"	325	Sr.	Florida State
OL	C.J. Brooks	6'6"	318	Sr.	Maryland
OL	Elton Brown	6'6"	333	Sr.	Virginia
OL	David Castillo	6'2"	304	Jr.	Florida State
OL	Eric Winston	6'7"	310	Jr.	Miami

#### Defense

DL	Chris Canty	6'7"	280	Sr.	Virginia
DL	Orien Harris	6'4"	300	Jr.	Miami
DL	Eric Henderson	6'3"	265	Jr.	Georgia Tech
DL	Eric Moore	6'4"	244	Sr.	Florida State
LB	Ahmad Brooks	6'4"	249	So.	Virginia
LB	Leroy Hill	6'1"	220	Sr.	Clemson
LB	Pat Thomas	6'2"	230	Sr.	NC State
DB	James Butler	6'3"	210	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DB	Justin Miller	5'11"	200	Jr.	Clemson
DB	Antrel Rolle	6'1"	202	Sr.	Miami
DB	Jimmy Williams	6'3"	213	Jr.	Virginia Tech

#### Specialists

K	Connor Hughes	6'0"	178	Jr.	Virginia
P	Ryan Plackemeier	6'4"	246	Jr.	Wake Forest
KR	Devin Hester	5'11"	185	So.	Miami
PR	Steve Suter	5'10"	192	Sr.	Maryland

### All-ACC Second Team

#### Offense

QB	Chris Rix	6'4"	210	Sr.	Florida State
RB	Josh Allen	5'11"	207	Jr.	Maryland
RB	Wali Lundy	6'1"	212	Jr.	Virginia
WR	Jason Anderson	6'3"	195	Sr.	Wake Forest
WR	Airese Curry	5'11"	185	Sr.	Clemson
TE	T.J. Williams	6'4"	248	Jr.	NC State
OL	Jason Brown	6'3"	328	Sr.	North Carolina
OL	D'Brickashaw Ferguson	6'5"	265	Jr.	Virginia
OL	Cedric Johnson	6'4"	325	Sr.	Clemson
OL	Chris Myers	6'5"	300	Sr.	Miami
OL	Ray Willis	6'6"	320	Sr.	Florida State

#### Defense

DL	Phillip Alexander	6'4"	255	Sr.	Duke
DL	Travis Johnson	6'5"	290	Sr.	Florida State
DL	Jonathan Lewis	6'1"	300	Jr.	Virginia Tech
DL	Mario Williams	6'7"	265	So.	N.C. State
LB	Darryl Blackstock	6'4"	230	Jr.	Virginia
LB	D'Qwell Jackson	6'1"	224	Jr.	Maryland
LB	A.J. Nicholson	6'2"	235	Jr.	Florida State
DB	Domonique Foxworth	5'11"	177	Sr.	Maryland
DB	Eric King	5'10"	185	Sr.	Wake Forest
DB	Jamaal Fudge	5'11"	209	So.	Maryland
DB	Andre Maddox	6'1"	200	Sr.	NC State

#### Specialists

K	Nick Novak	6'0"	183	Sr.	Maryland
P	Adam Podlesh	5'11"	183	Jr.	NC State
KR	Mike Imoh	5'7"	196	Jr.	Virginia Tech
PR	Tramain Hall	5'11"	183	Jr.	NC State



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### Predicted Order of Finish

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2. Boston College
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### Big Shoes to Fill

**Andre Callender and L.V. Whitworth, Boston College, RBs**  
The Eagles' new tailbacks will have to give a decent imitation of Derrick Knight, the school's all-time rushing leader.

**Greg Lee, Pittsburgh, WR**

Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald is off to the NFL. Lee could be the next star at "Wide Receiver U."

**Scott Gyorko and Adam Lehnortt, WVU, LBs**

Must assume the leadership mantle left behind by consensus All-America linebacker Grant Wiley.

**James Wyche, Syracuse, DE**

Passes the look-test but must emerge as a playmaker with Louis Gachelin and two other D-line starters no longer around.

### All-Big East First Team

#### Offense

QB	Dan Orlovsky	6'5"	236	Sr.	Connecticut
RB	Brian Leonard	6'2"	230	So.	Rutgers
RB	Walter Reyes	5'10"	209	Sr.	Syracuse
WR	Grant Adams	6'1"	200	Sr.	Boston College
WR	Chris Henry	6'4"	200	Jr.	West Virginia
TE	David Kashetta	6'4"	256	Sr.	Boston College
OL	Tim Brown	6'5"	300	Sr.	West Virginia
OL	Ryan Krug	6'4"	302	Sr.	Connecticut
OL	Rob Petitti	6'6"	330	Sr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Dan Mozes	6'3"	290	So.	West Virginia
OL	Jeremy Trueblood	6'8"	315	Jr.	Boston College

#### Defense

DL	Vince Crochunis	6'4"	290	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Mathias Kiwanuka	6'8"	249	Jr.	Boston College
DL	Ben Lynch	6'4"	265	Sr.	West Virginia
DL	Thomas Smith	6'4"	275	Jr.	Pittsburgh
LB	Maurice Lloyd	5'11"	234	Sr.	Connecticut
LB	Kellen Pruitt	6'3"	225	Jr.	Syracuse
LB	Rian Wallace	6'4"	240	Jr.	Temple
DB	Will Blackmon	6'0"	198	Jr.	Boston College
DB	Adam Jones	5'11"	190	Jr.	West Virginia
DB	Tez Morris	5'10"	190	Jr.	Pittsburgh
DB	Anthony Smith	6'0"	186	Jr.	Syracuse

#### Specialists

K	Collin Barber	6'1"	216	Sr.	Syracuse
P	Brendan Carney	6'5"	201	So.	Syracuse
KR	Adam Jones	5'11"	190	Jr.	West Virginia
PR	Tres Moses	5'10"	190	Sr.	Rutgers

### All-Big East Second Team

#### Offense

QB	Rasheed Marshall	6'1"	190	Sr.	West Virginia
RB	Kay-Jay Harris	6'1"	240	Sr.	West Virginia
RB	Damien Rhodes	6'1"	210	Jr.	Syracuse
WR	Phil Goodman	6'3"	215	Sr.	Temple
WR	Tres Moses	5'10"	190	Sr.	Rutgers
TE	Ryan Thomas	6'7"	250	Sr.	West Virginia
OL	Jeff Berk	6'5"	280	Sr.	West Virginia
OL	C.J. Blomvall	6'2"	305	Sr.	Temple
OL	Pat Ross	6'4"	294	Jr.	Boston College
OL	Matt Tarullo	6'5"	322	Sr.	Syracuse
OL	Adam Terry	6'8"	312	Sr.	Syracuse

#### Defense

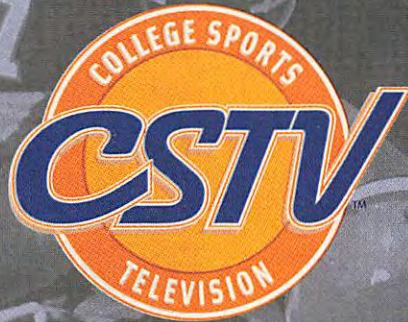
DL	Antwon Burton	6'3"	315	Sr.	Temple
DL	Phillip Mettling	6'3"	261	Sr.	Boston College
DL	Nate Robinson	6'5"	305	So.	Rutgers
DL	Dan Stephens	6'2"	295	Sr.	Pittsburgh
LB	Alfred Fincher	6'1"	240	Sr.	Connecticut
LB	Scott Gyorko	6'0"	210	Sr.	West Virginia
LB	Kelvin Smith	6'2"	235	So.	Syracuse
DB	Jahmile Addae	5'11"	200	Jr.	West Virginia
DB	Diamond Ferri	5'10"	218	Sr.	Syracuse
DB	Pete McBride	5'10"	180	Sr.	Temple
DB	Justin Perkins	5'11"	187	Sr.	Connecticut

#### Specialists

K	Mike Fassel	5'11"	172	Sr.	Boston College
P	Jeff Gomulinski	6'0"	201	Sr.	Boston College
KR	Will Blackmon	6'0"	198	Jr.	Boston College
PR	Marcus Clayton	5'7"	164	So.	Syracuse



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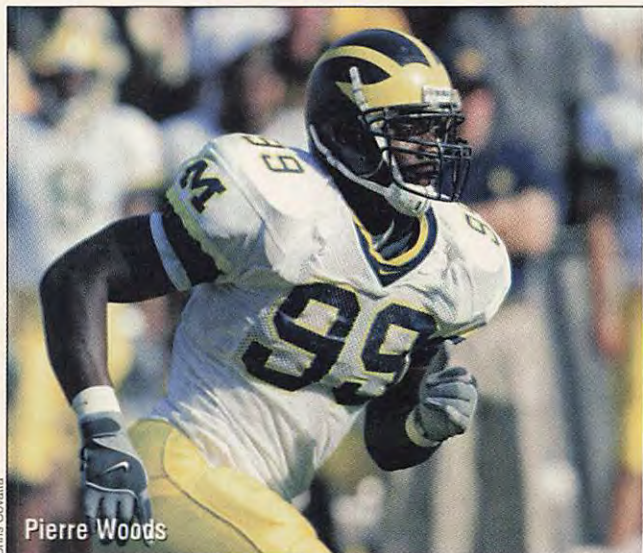


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# BIG TEN



Chris Covatta

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Iowa
4. Wisconsin
5. Minnesota
6. Purdue
7. Penn State
8. Michigan State
9. Northwestern
10. Indiana
11. Illinois

## Big Shoes to Fill

### Lee Gray, Iowa, OT

A former defensive tackle, Gray must replace Robert Gallery at the all-important left tackle spot.

### Justin Zwick, Ohio State, QB

Buckeye fans have been waiting for Zwick to take over for the steady Craig Krenzel. Be careful what you wish for.

### Matt Gutierrez, Michigan, QB

John Navarre wasn't flashy, but he was one of the most productive Michigan quarterbacks ever.

### Drew Stanton, Michigan State, QB

Battling Stephen Reaves for the right to replace Jeff Smoker, the Big Ten's leading passer in 2003.

### Kyle Schlicher, Iowa, PK

Nate Kaeding was one of the Big Ten's best ever.

## All-Big Ten First Team

### Offense

QB	Kyle Orton	6'4"	220	Sr.	Purdue
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	194	Sr.	Wisconsin
RB	Laurence Maroney	5'11"	200	So.	Minnesota
WR	Braylon Edwards	6'3"	206	Sr.	Michigan
WR	Taylor Stubblefield	6'1"	172	Sr.	Purdue
TE	Tyler Ecker	6'6"	249	So.	Michigan
OL	David Baas	6'5"	307	Sr.	Michigan
OL	Dan Buenning	6'4"	313	Sr.	Wisconsin
OL	Greg Eslinger	6'3"	285	Jr.	Minnesota
OL	Peter McMahon	6'7"	333	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Rian Melander	6'7"	295	Sr.	Minnesota

### Defense

DL	Clifford Dukes	6'3"	257	Sr.	Michigan State
DL	Simon Fraser	6'6"	265	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	Anttaj Hawthorne	6'3"	312	Sr.	Wisconsin
DL	Matt Roth	6'4"	270	Sr.	Iowa
LB	Chad Greenway	6'4"	239	Jr.	Iowa
LB	A.J. Hawk	6'2"	230	Jr.	Ohio State
LB	Abdul Hodge	6'2"	232	Jr.	Iowa
DB	Dustin Fox	6'0"	190	Sr.	Ohio State
DB	Marlin Jackson	6'1"	199	Sr.	Michigan
DB	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	183	Sr.	Wisconsin
DB	Ernest Shazor	6'4"	226	Jr.	Michigan

### Specialists

K	Mike Nugent	5'10"	170	Sr.	Ohio State
P	Brandon Fields	6'6"	233	So.	Michigan State
KR	DeAndra Cobb	5'10"	191	Sr.	Michigan State
PR	Steve Breaston	6'1"	181	So.	Michigan

## All-Big Ten Second Team

### Offense

QB	Zack Mills	6'3"	214	Sr.	Penn State
RB	Marion Barber III	5'11"	215	Jr.	Minnesota
RB	BenJarvus Green-Ellis	5'11"	220	So.	Indiana
WR	Jason Avant	6'1"	209	Jr.	Michigan
WR	Courtney Roby	6'0"	185	Sr.	Indiana
TE	Eric Knott	6'3"	254	Sr.	Michigan State
OL	Nick Mangold	6'4"	290	Jr.	Ohio State
OL	Mike Otto	6'5"	309	So.	Purdue
OL	Tyler Reed	6'4"	303	Jr.	Penn State
OL	Adam Stenavich	6'5"	313	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Zach Strief	6'7"	335	Jr.	Northwestern

### Defense

DL	Jon Babineaux	6'2"	287	Sr.	Iowa
DL	Loren Howard	6'4"	280	Jr.	Northwestern
DL	Darrell Reid	6'2"	280	Sr.	Minnesota
DL	LaMarr Woodley	6'2"	268	So.	Michigan
LB	Lawrence Reid	6'1"	219	Jr.	Michigan
LB	Ron Stanley	6'0"	232	Sr.	Michigan State
LB	Pierre Woods	6'5"	248	Jr.	Michigan
DB	Jovon Johnson	5'9"	177	Jr.	Iowa
DB	Herana-Daze Jones	5'11"	205	Sr.	Indiana
DB	Scott Starks	5'10"	176	Sr.	Wisconsin
DB	Alan Zemaitis	6'2"	194	Jr.	Penn State

### Specialists

K	Ben Jones	6'0"	215	Jr.	Purdue
P	Jeremy Kapinos	6'1"	229	So.	Penn State
KR	Laurence Maroney	5'11"	200	So.	Minnesota
PR	Marion Barber III	5'11"	215	Jr.	Minnesota



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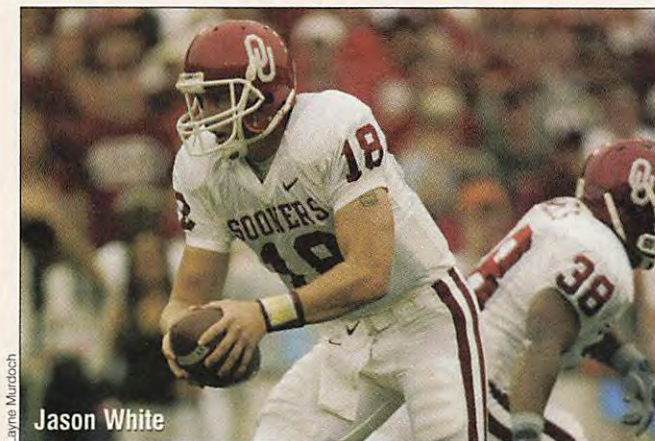
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# XII™



Jason White

## Predicted Order of Finish

### North

1. Missouri
2. Kansas State
3. Nebraska
4. Colorado
5. Kansas
6. Iowa State

### South

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Oklahoma State
4. Texas Tech
5. Texas A&M
6. Baylor

## Big Shoes to Fill

### Dylan Meier, Kansas State, QB

Ell Roberson's run-pass ability made Kansas State go. His threat as a runner made Darren Sproles that much more dangerous. Meier, a sophomore, is the only returning quarterback with experience.

### Gayron Allen, Oklahoma, LB

Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma's second Butkus award winner in three years, is now a Detroit Lion. The undersized Allen (5'10", 220) played well at middle linebacker when Lance Mitchell was hurt last year. How will he do at Lehman's weak-side spot?

### Bill Callahan, Nebraska, Coach

Frank Solich had big shoes to fill, coming after Tom Osborne. Callahan benefits from being the next guy. But Solich's 58-19 record in six seasons wasn't too shabby. Callahan's newfangled passing offense had better bring back the old-fashioned dominance, and in a hurry.

### D'Juan Woods, Oklahoma State

Not only is Woods following the best receiver in school history, but he's also replacing his big brother. Rashaun Woods was one of the Big 12's most potent weapons; D'Juan Woods has similar talent, but hasn't had the starring role until now.

## All-Big 12 First Team

### Offense

WR	Mark Clayton	5'11"	187	Sr.	Oklahoma
WR	Nehemiah Glover	5'8"	177	Sr.	Texas Tech
QB	Jason White	6'3"	221	Sr.	Oklahoma
RB	Darren Sproles	5'7"	180	Sr.	Kansas State
RB	Cedric Benson	6'0"	215	Sr.	Texas
TE	Matt Herian	6'5"	240	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	Jammal Brown	6'6"	313	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Mike Johnson	6'4"	290	Sr.	Kansas State
OL	Vince Carter	6'3"	289	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Richie Incognito	6'3"	290	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	Sam Mayes	6'3"	350	Sr.	Oklahoma State

### Defense

DL	Dan Cody	6'5"	270	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Dusty Dvoracek	6'3"	282	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Adell Duckett	6'4"	265	Sr.	Texas Tech
DL	Rodrique Wright	6'5"	315	Jr.	Texas
LB	Derrick Johnson	6'4"	230	Sr.	Texas
LB	Lance Mitchell	6'3"	247	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Barrett Ruud	6'4"	240	Sr.	Nebraska
DB	Brodney Pool	6'3"	198	Jr.	Oklahoma
DB	Josh Bullocks	6'0"	205	Jr.	Nebraska
DB	Darrent Williams	5'9"	175	Sr.	Oklahoma State
DB	Jaxson Appel	5'10"	196	Jr.	Texas A&M

### Specialists

P	Cole Farden	5'11"	200	Sr.	Oklahoma State
K	Trey DiCarlo	6'0"	205	Jr.	Oklahoma
KR	Terence Murphy	6'1"	193	Sr.	Texas A&M
PR	Antonio Perkins	6'0"	188	Sr.	Oklahoma

## All-Big 12 Second Team

### Offense

WR	Tony Jeffery	6'1"	175	Sr.	Texas
WR	Will Peoples	6'1"	191	Sr.	Oklahoma
QB	Brad Smith	6'2"	207	Jr.	Missouri
RB	Taurean Henderson	5'9"	179	Jr.	Texas Tech
RB	Vernand Morency	5'10"	215	Jr.	Oklahoma State
TE	Billy Bajema	6'5"	255	Sr.	Oklahoma State
OL	E.J. Whitley	6'6"	305	Jr.	Texas Tech
OL	Jonathan Scott	6'7"	305	Jr.	Texas
OL	Jeromey Clary	6'7"	300	Jr.	Kansas State
OL	Joe Vaughn	6'1"	285	Sr.	Kansas
OL	Davin Joseph	6'4"	312	Jr.	Oklahoma

### Defense

DL	Brian Smith	6'3"	220	So.	Missouri
DL	Scott Edmonds	6'4"	260	Jr.	Kansas State
DL	Lynn McGruder	6'3"	290	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	C.J. Mosley	6'3"	305	Jr.	Missouri
LB	James Kinney	6'1"	240	Sr.	Missouri
LB	Gabriel Toomey	6'4"	235	Jr.	Kansas
LB	Ted Sims	6'1"	235	Jr.	Kansas State
DB	Phillip Geiggar	5'11"	200	Sr.	Texas
DB	Donte Nicholson	6'2"	210	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Antonio Perkins	6'0"	188	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Byron Jones	5'10"	185	Sr.	Texas A&M

### Specialists

K	Todd Pegram	5'11"	190	Jr.	Texas A&M
P	Daniel Sepulveda	6'3"	214	So.	Baylor
KR	Selvin Young	6'0"	205	Jr.	Texas
PR	Charles Gordon	5'11"	170	So.	Kansas





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Layne Murdoch

Brandon Hassell

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. TCU
2. Memphis
3. Southern Miss
4. Louisville
5. UAB
6. South Florida
7. Houston
8. Cincinnati
9. East Carolina
10. Tulane
11. Army

### Big Shoes to Fill

#### Nick Cannon, Tulane, QB

First there was Patrick Ramsey, then J.P. Losman — a tradition of NFL first-round picks that Cannon, the likely choice as Tulane's new signal-caller, inherits.

#### Dillon Cleckler, Southern Miss, LB

Rod Davis amassed 526 career tackles as the Golden Eagles' middle linebacker. Cleckler, who will take over for Davis, has 76 tackles in three years.

#### Jovon Jackson, Tulane, RB

Jackson ran for 183 yards and two touchdowns in his first start for an injured Mewelde Moore, but Moore leaves Tulane as the school's all-time leading rusher.

### All-Conference USA First Team

#### Offense

QB	Stefan LeFors	6'0"	200	Sr.	Louisville
RB	Robert Merrill	5'10"	203	So.	TCU
RB	DeAngelo Williams	5'10"	217	Jr.	Memphis
WR	Reggie Harrell	6'3"	215	Sr.	TCU
WR	J.R. Russell	6'3"	204	Sr.	Louisville
TE	John Doucette	6'2"	271	Jr.	Memphis
OL	Anthony Alabi	6'6"	323	Sr.	TCU
OL	Chase Johnson	6'3"	302	Sr.	TCU
OL	Travis Leffew	6'4"	297	Jr.	Louisville
OL	Jeremy Parquet	6'7"	337	Sr.	Southern Miss
OL	Kyle Takavitz	6'4"	303	Sr.	Cincinnati

#### Defense

DL	Trent Cole	6'4"	250	Sr.	Cincinnati
DL	Marcus Jones	6'2"	234	Sr.	Louisville
DL	Albert Means	6'4"	328	Sr.	Memphis
DL	Eric Scott	6'0"	317	Sr.	Southern Miss
LB	Michael Boley	6'3"	228	Sr.	Southern Miss
LB	Robert McCune	6'0"	244	Sr.	Louisville
LB	Zac Woodfin	6'2"	240	Sr.	UAB
DB	Tra Boger	6'1"	210	Sr.	Tulane
DB	Daven Holly	5'11"	184	Sr.	Cincinnati
DB	Wesley Smith	6'3"	194	Jr.	Memphis
DB	Mark Walker	5'10"	200	Sr.	TCU

#### Specialist

K	Nick Hayes	6'1"	180	Sr.	UAB
P	Ryan Dougherty	6'1"	211	So.	East Carolina
KR	John Eubanks	5'11"	177	Jr.	Southern Miss
PR	Marvin Young	6'0"	165	Sr.	Southern Miss

### All-Conference USA Second Team

#### Offense

QB	Kevin Kolb	6'4"	220	So.	Houston
RB	Eric Shelton	6'2"	247	Jr.	Louisville
RB	Marvin Townes	6'0"	194	Sr.	East Carolina
WR	Maurice Avery	6'1"	210	Jr.	Memphis
WR	Roydell Williams	6'2"	190	Sr.	Tulane
TE	Josh Coffman	6'6"	238	So.	East Carolina
OL	Gene Frederic	6'4"	288	Sr.	Memphis
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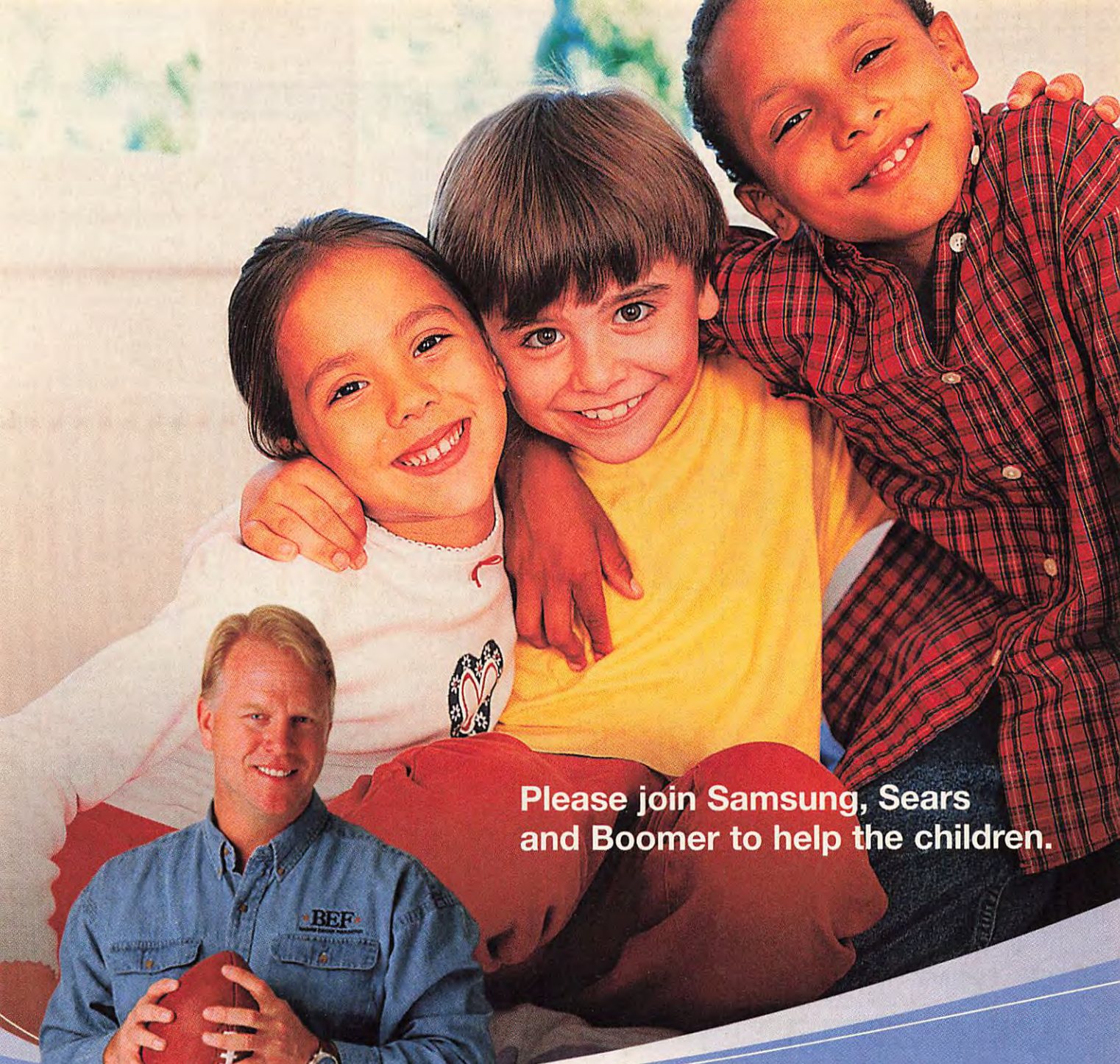
#### Defense

DL	Joe Clay	6'2"	268	Sr.	Houston
DL	Andre Frazier	6'5"	211	Sr.	Cincinnati
DL	Jermaine McElveen	6'5"	245	So.	UAB
DL	Chad Ruffin	6'0"	295	Sr.	Southern Miss
LB	Jamar Enzor	6'1"	222	Sr.	Cincinnati
LB	Wade Koehl	6'2"	215	So.	Houston
LB	Chris Moore	6'1"	220	Jr.	East Carolina
DB	Trevis Coley	6'2"	216	Jr.	Southern Miss
DB	Marvin Godbolt	6'0"	208	Sr.	TCU
DB	Sean Lucas	5'11"	200	Jr.	Tulane
DB	Scott Vogel	6'1"	193	Sr.	Memphis

#### Specialists

K	Darren McCaleb	5'11"	167	So.	Southern Miss
P	Chris Beckman	6'2"	195	So.	Tulane
KR	William White	5'10"	192	Sr.	Army
PR	Cory Rodgers	6'1"	186	So.	TCU





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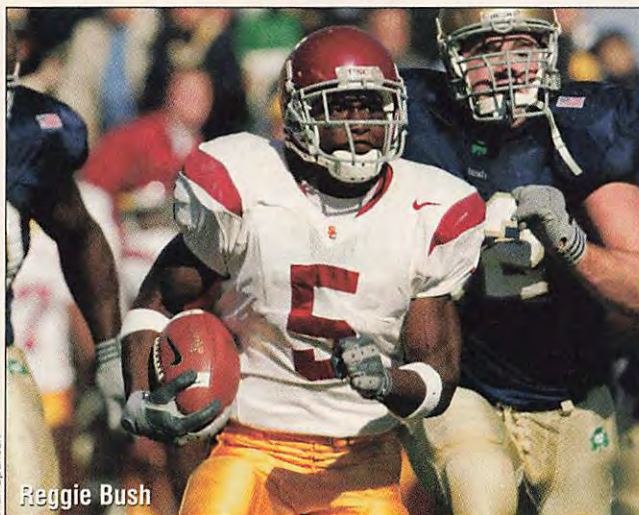
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Reggie Bush

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. USC
2. California
3. Oregon State
4. Oregon
5. UCLA
6. Washington
7. Arizona State
8. Washington State
9. Arizona
10. Stanford

### Big Shoes to Fill

#### Justin Hickman, DE, UCLA

The junior college product takes over for Dave Ball at the right defensive end slot. Ball tied for the national lead with 16.5 sacks.

#### Whitney Lewis, WR, USC

With Mike Williams and Keary Colbert no longer around, Lewis could be the Trojans' top threat.

#### Dwight Wright, RB, Oregon State

Steven Jackson left after his junior year for the NFL, leaving a big void after rushing for 1,545 yards and 19 touchdowns.

#### Charles Frederick, WR, Washington

Reggie Williams was flamboyant and talented, and defenses often double-teamed him to slow the offense. Frederick is now the Huskies' go-to guy.

### All-Pac-10 First Team

#### Offense

QB	Matt Leinart	6'5"	220	Jr.	USC
RB	Mike Bell	6'1"	218	Jr.	Arizona
RB	Reggie Bush	6'0"	190	So.	USC
WR	Derek Hagan	6'2"	192	Jr.	Arizona State
WR	Geoff McArthur	6'1"	200	Sr.	California
TE	Troy Bienemann	6'5"	252	Jr.	Wash. State
OL	Khalif Barnes	6'5"	300	Sr.	Washington
OL	Grayling Love	6'3"	297	Jr.	Arizona State
OL	Doug Nienhuis	6'6"	317	Sr.	Oregon State
OL	Adam Snyder	6'6"	320	Sr.	Oregon
OL	Nick Steitz	6'4"	319	Sr.	Oregon

#### Defense

DL	Shaun Cody	6'4"	285	Sr.	USC
DL	Devan Long	6'4"	265	Jr.	Oregon
DL	Mike Patterson	6'0"	285	Sr.	USC
DL	Bill Swancutt	6'4"	260	Sr.	Oregon State
LB	Will Derting	6'0"	237	Jr.	Wash. State
LB	Matt Grootegoed	5'11"	215	Sr.	USC
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DB	Derrick Johnson	6'0"	185	Sr.	Washington
DB	Donnie McCleskey	5'10"	195	Jr.	California

#### Specialists

K	Ryan Killeen	5'11"	200	Sr.	USC
P	Tom Malone	6'0"	190	Jr.	USC
KR	Reggie Bush	6'0"	190	So.	USC
PR	Charles Frederick	6'0"	180	Sr.	Washington

### All-Pac-10 Second Team

#### Offense

QB	Aaron Rodgers	6'2"	200	Jr.	California
RB	Hershel Dennis	5'11"	190	Jr.	USC
RB	Loren Wade	6'0"	212	So.	Arizona State
WR	Craig Bragg	6'2"	205	Sr.	UCLA
WR	Charles Frederick	6'0"	180	Sr.	Washington
TE	Tim Day	6'4"	267	Jr.	Oregon
OL	Calvin Armstrong	6'7"	311	Sr.	Wash. State
OL	Matt Brock	6'2"	306	Sr.	Oregon State
OL	John Drake	6'4"	350	Sr.	USC
OL	Sam Lightbody	6'9"	319	Sr.	Wash. State
OL	Fred Matua	6'2"	300	So.	USC

#### Defense

DL	Lorenzo Alexander	6'3"	300	Sr.	California
DL	Tosh Lupoi	6'3"	250	Sr.	California
DL	Haloti Ngata	6'5"	345	So.	Oregon
DL	Babatunde Oshinowo	6'2"	320	Jr.	Stanford
LB	Spencer Havner	6'4"	240	Jr.	UCLA
LB	Justin London	6'1"	235	Jr.	UCLA
LB	Lofa Tatupu	6'0"	225	Jr.	USC
DB	Darrell Brooks	6'1"	205	Jr.	Arizona
DB	Oshiomogho Atoogwe	6'0"	205	Sr.	Stanford
DB	Riccardo Stewart	5'10"	215	Sr.	Arizona State
DB	Mitch Meeuwsen	6'3"	211	Sr.	Oregon State

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KR	Maurice Drew	5'8"	200	So.	UCLA
PR	Josh Golden	5'10"	176	Jr.	Arizona State



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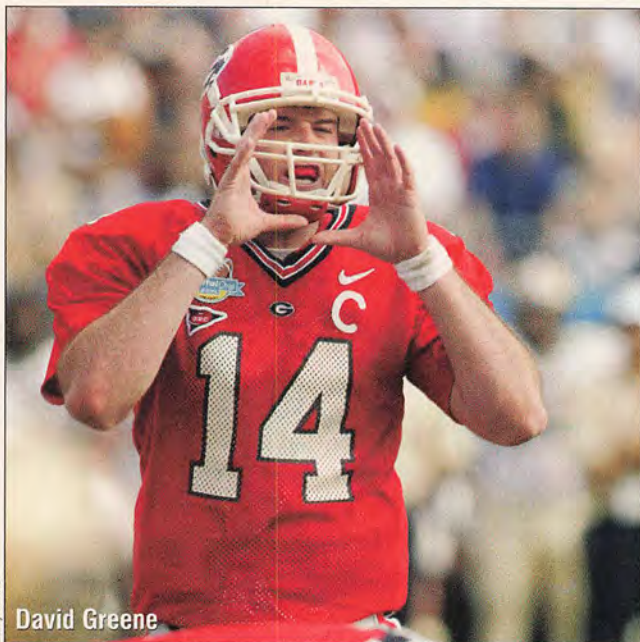
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Larry Kinkner

David Greene

### Predicted Order of Finish

#### East

1. Georgia
2. Tennessee
3. Florida
4. South Carolina
5. Vanderbilt
6. Kentucky

#### West

1. LSU
2. Auburn
3. Ole Miss
4. Alabama
5. Arkansas
6. Mississippi State

### Big Shoes to Fill

#### Micheal Spurlock, QB, Ole Miss

Taking over for a legend is never easy, but Spurlock, a fourth-year junior, will try to make Rebel fans forget about Eli Manning.

#### Zac Tubbs, RT, Arkansas

Tubbs started in Arkansas' bowl win over Missouri, but now he must take over for All-American Shawn Andrews on a full-time basis.

#### Dwayne Bowe, WR, LSU

A former prep All-American from Miami, Bowe is the heir apparent to All-SEC wide receiver Michael Clayton at the 'Z' position.

#### Markell Thompson, TE, Florida

The Gators turn to Thompson, a junior college transfer, to replace first-round draft pick Ben Troupe, one of the nation's most underrated players.

### All-SEC First Team

#### Offense

QB	David Greene	6'3"	230	Sr.	Georgia
RB	Justin Vincent	5'10"	208	So.	LSU
RB	Carnell Williams	5'11"	204	Sr.	Auburn
WR	Fred Gibson	6'4"	196	Sr.	Georgia
WR	Skyler Green	5'9"	190	Jr.	LSU
TE	Cooper Wallace	6'4"	253	Jr.	Auburn
OL	Wesley Britt	6'8"	313	Sr.	Alabama
OL	Justin Geisinger	6'4"	330	Sr.	Vanderbilt
OL	Max Jean-Gilles	6'4"	348	Jr.	Georgia
OL	Michael Muñoz	6'6"	315	Sr.	Tennessee
OL	Ben Wilkerson	6'4"	296	Sr.	LSU

#### Defense

DL	Vincent Burns	6'2"	268	Sr.	Kentucky
DL	Jovan Haye	6'3"	280	Jr.	Vanderbilt
DL	David Pollack	6'3"	276	Sr.	Georgia
DL	Marcus Spears	6'4"	297	Sr.	LSU
LB	Kevin Burnett	6'3"	235	Sr.	Tennessee
LB	Channing Crowder	6'2"	241	So.	Florida
LB	Odell Thurman	6'1"	225	Jr.	Georgia
DB	Travis Daniels	6'1"	187	Sr.	LSU
DB	Thomas Davis	6'1"	220	Jr.	Georgia
DB	Travis Johnson	6'1"	191	Jr.	Ole Miss
DB	Corey Webster	6'0"	201	Sr.	LSU

#### Specialists

K	Jonathan Nichols	6'0"	180	Sr.	Ole Miss
P	Dustin Colquitt	6'2"	196	Sr.	Tennessee
KR	Andre Caldwell	6'1"	190	So.	Florida
PR	Skyler Green	5'9"	190	Jr.	LSU

### All-SEC Second Team

#### Offense

QB	Chris Leak	6'0"	200	So.	Florida
RB	Ciatrick Fason	6'0"	212	Jr.	Florida
RB	Demetris Summers	6'1"	200	So.	South Carolina
WR	Troy Williamson	6'2"	200	Jr.	South Carolina
WR	Reggie Brown	6'1"	195	Sr.	Georgia
WR	Erik Davis	6'2"	185	Jr.	Vanderbilt
OL	Doug Buckles	6'5"	300	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Mike Degory	6'5"	314	Jr.	Florida
OL	Marcus McNeill	6'9"	340	Jr.	Auburn
OL	Na'Shan Goddard	6'6"	305	Jr.	South Carolina
OL	Andrew Whitworth	6'7"	325	Jr.	LSU

#### Defense

DL	Parys Haralson	6'2"	255	Jr.	Tennessee
DL	Moe Thompson	6'3"	280	Jr.	South Carolina
DL	Will Thompson	6'3"	240	Sr.	Georgia
DL	Kyle Williams	6'2"	288	Jr.	LSU
LB	DeMeco Ryans	6'2"	225	Jr.	Alabama
LB	Kevin Simon	5'11"	225	Jr.	Tennessee
LB	Lionel Turner	6'2"	257	Sr.	LSU
DB	Muhammad Abdullah	6'0"	205	Jr.	Kentucky
DB	Jason Allen	6'2"	200	Jr.	Tennessee
DB	LaRon Landry	6'2"	180	So.	LSU
DB	Carlos Rogers	6'1"	194	Sr.	Auburn

#### Specialists

K	James Wilhoit	5'10"	190	So.	Tennessee
P	Cody Ridgeway	6'2"	190	Sr.	Ole Miss
KR	Corey Larkins	5'8"	205	Sr.	Tennessee
PR	Tre Smith	5'10"	200	Jr.	Auburn





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# Mountain West

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Utah
2. San Diego State
3. New Mexico
4. Colorado State
5. Air Force
6. BYU
7. UNLV
8. Wyoming



Joshua Brown

Alex Smith

# WAC

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Fresno State
2. Boise State
3. Hawaii
4. Tulsa
5. Rice
6. Nevada
7. UTEP
8. Louisiana Tech
9. San Jose State
10. SMU



Icon SMU

James Sanders

## All-MWC First Team

### Offense

QB	Alex Smith	Jr.	6'4"	208	Utah
RB	DonTrell Moore	Jr.	5'11"	214	New Mexico
RB	Lynell Hamilton	So.	6'1"	215	San Diego State
WR	David Anderson	Jr.	5'11"	192	Colorado State
WR	Paris Warren	Sr.	6'1"	211	Utah
TE	Joel Dreesen	Sr.	6'4"	260	Colorado State
OL	Claude Terrell	Sr.	6'3"	330	New Mexico
OL	Erik Pears	Sr.	6'8"	315	Colorado State
OL	Ryan Cook	Jr.	6'7"	339	New Mexico
OL	Mike Kracalik	Sr.	6'9"	325	San Diego State
OL	Trenton Franz	Sr.	6'3"	282	Wyoming

### Defense

DL	Brady Poppinga	Sr.	6'3"	257	BYU
DL	Patrick Goodpaster	Sr.	6'3"	275	Colorado State
DL	Steve Fifita	Jr.	6'0"	311	Utah
DL	Jonathan Bailes	So.	6'1"	325	San Diego State
LB	Kirk Morrison	Sr.	6'2"	240	San Diego State
LB	Adam Seward	Sr.	6'2"	250	UNLV
LB	Matt McCoy	Jr.	6'1"	225	San Diego State
DB	Gabriel Fulbright	Jr.	5'10"	168	New Mexico
DB	Morgan Scalley	Sr.	5'10"	191	Utah
DB	Jamaal Brimmer	Sr.	6'1"	215	UNLV
DB	Aaron Francisco	Sr.	6'2"	206	BYU

### Specialists

K	Wes Zunker	Sr.	5'9"	176	New Mexico
P	Matt Payne	Sr.	6'4"	234	BYU
KR	Bo Nagahi	Sr.	5'10"	184	Utah
PR	Tremayne Kirkland	So.	6'0"	165	UNLV

## All-WAC First Team

### Offense

QB	Timmy Chang	6'2"	194	Sr.	Hawaii
RB	Ryan Moats	5'9"	201	Jr.	Louisiana Tech
RB	Howard Jackson	5'10"	165	Sr.	UTEP
TE	Garrett Mills	6'2"	224	Jr.	Tulsa
WR	Chad Owens	5'9"	174	Sr.	Hawaii
WR	T.J. Acree	5'10"	176	Sr.	Boise State
OL	Daryn Colledge	6'5"	272	Jr.	Boise State
OL	Harvey Dahl	6'5"	305	Sr.	Nevada
OL	Samson Satele	6'3"	289	So.	Hawaii
OL	Dartagnon Shack	6'2"	300	Jr.	Fresno State
OL	Logan Mankins	6'4"	320	Sr.	Fresno State

### Defense

DL	Brian Morris	6'2"	250	Sr.	Fresno State
DL	Garrett McIntyre	6'3"	250	Jr.	Fresno State
DL	Julius Roberts	6'5"	239	Sr.	Boise State
DL	Allan Adami	6'4"	276	Sr.	SMU
LB	Andy Avalos	5'10"	223	Sr.	Boise State
LB	Nick Bunting	6'1"	221	So.	Tulsa
LB	Robert Rodriguez	6'1"	230	Sr.	UTEP
DB	Gabe Franklin	5'10"	183	Sr.	Boise State
DB	James Sanders	5'11"	205	Jr.	Fresno State
DB	Abraham Elimimian	5'10"	191	Sr.	Hawaii
DB	Jermaine Hope	5'9"	165	Sr.	Tulsa

### Specialists

K	Brett Visintainer	6'0"	185	Sr.	Fresno State
P	Jared Scruggs	6'2"	180	So.	Rice
KR	Chris Carr	5'9"	180	Sr.	Boise State
PR	Chad Owens	5'9"	174	Sr.	Hawaii





### Predicted Order of Finish East

1. Marshall
2. Miami OH
3. UCF
4. Akron
5. Kent State
6. Ohio
7. Buffalo

### West

1. Toledo
2. Northern Illinois
3. Bowling Green
4. Western Michigan
5. Central Michigan
6. Ball State
7. Eastern Michigan



Bruce Gradkowski

Toledo SID

### All-MAC First Team

#### Offense

QB	Charlie Frye	6'4"	224	Jr.	Akron
RB	Anthony Sherrell	5'10"	193	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
RB	Jerry Seymour	5'6"	190	So.	Central Michigan
WR	Lance Moore	5'11"	184	Sr.	Toledo
WR	Greg Jennings	6'1"	190	Jr.	Western Michigan
TE	Andrew Clarke	6'4"	249	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Scott Mruczkowski	6'4"	315	Sr.	Bowling Green
OL	Nick Kazcur	6'5"	305	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Adam Kieft	6'7"	320	Sr.	Central Michigan
OL	Jake VerStraete	6'7"	311	Sr.	NIU
OL	Aaron Conley	6'3"	294	Sr.	Akron

#### Defense

DL	Jamus Martin	6'2"	224	Sr.	Marshall
DL	Jack Gitler	6'2"	260	Sr.	Western Michigan
DL	Mitchell Crossley	6'3"	250	Jr.	Bowling Green
DL	Jonathan Goddard	6'0"	246	Sr.	Marshall
LB	Terna Nande	6'1"	230	Jr.	Miami
LB	Eric Mahl	6'2"	245	Sr.	Kent State
LB	Anthony Jordan	6'3"	230	Jr.	Toledo
DB	Atari Bigby	5'11"	215	Sr.	UCF
DB	Justin Beriault	6'3"	200	Sr.	Ball State
DB	Willie Smith	6'0"	194	Sr.	Marshall
DB	James King	6'1"	215	Sr.	Central Michigan

#### Special Teams

PK	Andrew Wellock	5'11"	173	So.	Eastern Michigan
P	Adam Anderson	6'0"	193	Sr.	Western Michigan
KR	Luther Huggins	5'11"	180	Jr.	UCF
PR	Ryne Robinson	5'10"	169	So.	Miami



### Predicted Order of Finish

1. North Texas
2. New Mexico State
3. UL Lafayette
4. Troy State
5. Middle Tennessee
6. Arkansas State
7. Utah State
8. UL Monroe
9. Idaho



Adrian Awasom

North TX SID

### All-Sun Belt First Team

#### Offense

QB	Scott Hall	6'2"	212	Sr.	North Texas
RB	DeWhitt Betterson	6'0"	218	Sr.	Troy State
RB	Patrick Cobbs	5'9"	205	Sr.	North Texas
WR	Johnny Quinn	6'0"	199	So.	North Texas
WR	Kerry Wright	5'9"	176	Sr.	Middle Tenn.
TE	Andy Blount	6'4"	240	Sr.	North Texas
OL	Andy Brewster	6'2"	275	Sr.	North Texas
OL	Brandon Cox	6'7"	295	So.	UL Lafayette
OL	Julius Gant	6'4"	312	Sr.	Middle Tenn.
OL	Bruce Hampton	6'4"	300	Sr.	UL Monroe
OL	Steve Subia	6'1"	368	Sr.	New Mexico St.

#### Defense

DL	Adrian Awasom	6'5"	275	Sr.	North Texas
DL	Ronald Tupea	6'2"	295	Sr.	Utah State
DL	Demarcus Ware	6'4"	224	Sr.	Troy State
DL	Aubrey Dorisme	6'0"	251	Sr.	New Mexico St.
LB	Robert Watts	6'4"	234	Sr.	Utah State
LB	Richard Glover	5'11"	224	Sr.	New Mexico St.
LB	Mike Anderson	6'3"	234	Jr.	Idaho
DB	Jonas Buckles	5'11"	213	Sr.	North Texas
DB	Terrance Washington	5'11"	195	So.	Utah State
DB	Derrick Ansley	6'1"	171	Sr.	Troy State
DB	Chris Harris	6'1"	204	Jr.	UL Monroe

#### Specialists

K	Sean Comiskey	5'9"	168	Jr.	UL Lafayette
P	Joel Stelly	5'11"	185	So.	UL Monroe
KR	Charles Estes	6'1"	196	Jr.	UL Monroe
PR	Johnny Quinn	6'0"	199	So.	North Texas



## Offense

Despite the loss of Mike Williams and Keary Colbert, perhaps the top receiving pair in the country, USC's offense should be as crisp and balanced as ever, especially if a young offensive line can mature and improve as it goes along.

"The reconstruction of the line will be critical," says coach Pete Carroll. It didn't become any easier during the off-season, when the Trojans lost Winston Justice, a future all-star tackle who was suspended indefinitely.

Matt Leinart, the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year and Rose Bowl MVP, will have an assortment of new targets. Steve Smith and Whitney Lewis, a pair of former prep All-Americans, are the new starting wide receivers, with acclaimed freshmen Dwayne Jarrett, Fred Davis and Derrick Jones all pressing for playing time. Offensive coordinator Norm Chow will make better use of his tight ends this fall, especially now that sure-handed Alex Holmes and speedy Dominique Byrd have recovered from injuries.

USC's tailbacks, Reggie Bush, LenDale White and Hershel Dennis, combined to rush for 1,936 yards a year ago, and all three, especially the exciting Bush, should be better this year.

### NUMBERS GAME

**20-1** USC sports a 20-1 record since Oct. 5, 2002. The only loss over that span was a 34-31 defeat at Cal in triple overtime. Overall, in the last two years under Pete Carroll, USC is 23-3.

Returning starter Fred Matua will provide leadership up front, where redshirt freshman left tackle Sam Baker was the talk of spring practice. Baker, sophomores Ryan Kalil and Kyle Williams must have solid years for USC to succeed.

## Defense

Carroll's teams always excel on defense, and this one should be no different. The big change

will be up front where Shaun Cody, one of the country's best tackles, will move outside to end, replacing All-American Kenechi Udeze. Mike Patterson, another all-star candidate, will be prominent at one tackle, with sophomore Manuel Wright and junior Frostee Rucker completing a line that should wreak plenty of havoc.

The linebacking corps is solid, with starters Lofa Tatupu in the middle and the instinctive Matt Grootegeod being joined by lanky Dallas Sartz, who started the final six games a year ago.

The starting cornerbacks must be replaced, but both Ronald Nunn and Kevin Arbet have started before. The safeties, Darnell Bing and Jason Leach, were both regulars a year ago.

"The past two years were really good on defense," says Carroll. "The challenge is whether we can keep it up."

## Specialists

USC might have the finest kicking pair in the country. Punter Tom Malone (49.0 average) broke the school record by 3.4 yards last fall. Placekicker Ryan Killeen was 12th nationally in scoring and his 65 PATs broke a single season Pac-10 record.

The return men are the spectacular Bush, who's always a threat to bust kickoffs, and solid Greig Carlson, a sure-handed punt returner.

## Final Analysis

A series of great recruiting classes has given Carroll the talent and depth to compete for the Pac-10 and national titles every season.

"I think we're deeper than we've ever been and probably faster, too," Carroll said after spring practice. If that doesn't tell you something, then you weren't watching when the Trojans cruised to a 12-1 season and a share of the national championship a year ago.

If an inexperienced but gifted offensive line comes through, this team could be just as successful, especially with a schedule that appears considerably softer than last year's.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 1st



Reggie Bush

Peter Bruijck

## Depth Chart

### Offense (4)

SE	4 Whitney Lewis (So.)	Dwayne Jarrett (Fr.)
FL	2 Steve Smith (So.)	Derrick Jones (Fr.)
LT	79 Sam Baker (Fr.)	69 Matt Spanos (Fr.)
LG	63 Travis Watkins (Sr.)	73 John Drake (Sr.)
C	67 Ryan Kalil (So.)	Jeff Byers (Fr.)
RG	57 Fred Matua (So.)	73 John Drake (Sr.)
RT	75 Kyle Williams (So.)	Taitusi Lutui (Jr.)
TE	81 Alex Holmes (Sr.)	44 Gregg Guenther Jr. (Sr.)
QB	11 Matt Leinart (Jr.)	17 John David Booty (So.)
RB	5 Reggie Bush (So.)	34 Hershel Dennis (Jr.)
FB	35 Lee Webb (Sr.)	37 David Kirtman (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	84 Shaun Cody (Sr.)	96 Lawrence Jackson (Fr.)
DT	99 Mike Patterson (Sr.)	49 Sedrick Ellis (Fr.)
DT	92 Manuel Wright (So.)	95 Travis Tofi (So.)
DE	90 Frostee Rucker (Jr.)	Jeff Schweiger (Fr.)
SLB	6 Matt Grootegeod (Sr.)	Keith Rivers (Fr.)
MLB	58 Lofa Tatupu (Jr.)	45 Oscar Lua (So.)
WLB	42 Dallas Sartz (Jr.)	Eugene Germany (Fr.)
CB	23 Ronald Nunn (Sr.)	18 John Walker (Jr.)
CB	30 Kevin Arbet (Sr.)	24 Justin Wyatt (Jr.)
SS	20 Darnell Bing (So.)	Josh Pinkard (Fr.)
FS	27 Jason Leach (Sr.)	Scott Ware (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	16 Ryan Killeen (Sr.)	KR	5 Reggie Bush (So.)
P	14 Tom Malone (Jr.)	PR	19 Greig Carlson (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt Leinart, 402-255-3,556-9, 38 TDs  
**Rushing:** LenDale White, 141 car, 754 yds., 13 TDs  
**Receiving:** Steve Smith, 17 rec., 319 yds., 2 TDs  
 Gregg Guenther, Jr., 17 rec., 167 yds., 2 TDs  
**Tackles:** Lofa Tatupu, 98, 54 solo  
**Sacks:** Mike Patterson, 7  
**Interceptions:** Lofa Tatupu, 4 for 126 yds.

(#) indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

A. 28	#Virginia Tech	W
S. 4	at BYU	W
S. 11	Colorado State	W
S. 25	at Stanford	W
O. 9	California	W
O. 16	Arizona State	W
O. 23	Washington	W
O. 30	at Wash. State	W
N. 6	at Oregon State	W
N. 13	Arizona	W
N. 27	Notre Dame	W
D. 4	at UCLA	W

#Landover, MD

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Auburn	W	23-0
S. 6	BYU	W	35-18
S. 13	Hawaii	W	61-32
S. 27	at California (3ot)	L	31-34
O. 4	at Arizona State	W	37-17
O. 11	Stanford	W	44-21
O. 18	at Notre Dame	W	45-14
O. 25	at Washington	W	43-23
N. 1	Washington State	W	43-16
N. 15	at Arizona	W	45-0
N. 22	UCLA	W	47-22
D. 6	Oregon State	W	52-28
J. 1	#Michigan	W	28-14

#Rose Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	41.1 ppg	5
Rushing	155.9 ypg	58
Passing	291.6 ypg	13
Total	447.5 ypg	14

Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.4 ppg	17
Rushing	60.2 ypg	1
Passing	276.2 ypg	110
Total	336.4 ypg	30

TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+20	+1.54	2

Head Coach: Pete Carroll

2003 Record (Pac-10): 12-1 (7-1)





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## Offense

Here's the interesting thing as Oklahoma tries to follow the highest-scoring team in school history: The offense could be better in 2004. Nine starters return, including Heisman Trophy winner Jason White at quarterback, All-American Mark Clayton at wide receiver and the entire offensive line. Factor in potential upgrades at tight end and tailback and it's an easy pitch to make, at least during the off-season.

White, who tossed 40 touchdown passes and just 10 interceptions, returns for a sixth season, granted by the NCAA because he missed most of the 2001 and '02 seasons with blown-out knees. Clayton, who set school records for catches (83), yards (1,425) and touchdowns (15), leads a deep and talented receiving corps. The Sooners expect to get more from their tight ends than last season as well.

But the biggest potential upgrade to the offense comes at tailback, where incoming freshman Adrian Peterson will get a chance to contribute immediately.

## Defense

Oklahoma must replace four starters from one of the nation's top defenses. Three of the departed were All-Americans. But as strange as it sounds, the Sooners might not experience much defensive drop-off.

### NUMBERS GAME

**4** OU has beaten archrival Texas four years in a row, matching the longest winning streak by either team since the Sooners won five straight in 1971-75.

Dusty Dvoracek appears ready to take over Tommie Harris' role as the headline-grabber — and double-team taker — at tackle. Last year, Dvoracek (not Harris) led OU's interior linemen in tackles for a loss (16) and sacks (seven).

Lance Mitchell returns at middle linebacker after missing last season because of a torn ACL.

His return brings "stability," according to defensive coordinator Brent Venables; the line-backing corps will be built around him.

The biggest loss might be cornerback Derrick Strait, a four-year starter who was praised for his consistency and leadership. Several players will get a shot at Strait's spot, including Eric Bassey, Jowahn Poteat and highly regarded junior college transfer Chijioke Onyenegecha. Otherwise, OU's secondary appears as quick and dangerous as usual.

## Specialists

Antonio Perkins returns with his eyes on the NCAA's career punt-return touchdown record. He took back three for scores in a win last season against UCLA. Though many opponents choose to kick away from Perkins, the strategy typically results in good field position for the Sooners anyway.

Two years ago, Trey DiCarlo stepped out of a car and won an open tryout for the Sooners' placekicking duties. A finalist for the Lou Groza award last season, DiCarlo is firmly entrenched as a reliable weapon.

Blake Ferguson returns for his third season as punter.

## Final Analysis

Through 12 games last season, Oklahoma was being measured against history. But all anyone remembers is the final two games, losses to Kansas State and LSU. "It definitely put a damper on the whole season," White says.

The Sooners are still feeling the sting; it fueled what White calls a "hungry" team throughout the off-season. He says the Sooners are determined to finish right this season.

Oklahoma must travel to Kansas State, and there's that tilt with Texas in Dallas. Otherwise, the schedule sets up nicely for another run at a championship. "We've got a lot of guys back," OU coach Bob Stoops says. "I would think we've got about as good a shot as anybody."

## Big 12 South Prediction: 1st



Jason White

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

WR	9 Mark Clayton (Sr.)	4 Travis Wilson (Jr.)
WR	81 Brandon Jones (Sr.)	3 Jejuan Rankins (Jr.)
WR*	29 Will Peoples (Sr.)	1 Mark Bradley (Sr.)
LT	60 Wes Sims (Sr.)	79 Chris Messner (So.)
LG	70 Kelvin Chaisson (Jr.)	59 Brett Rayl (Jr.)
C	50 Vince Carter (Sr.)	52 Chris Bush (Jr.)
RG	77 Davin Joseph (Jr.)	75 Antonn Reid (Fr.)
RT	55 Jammal Brown (Sr.)	69 Akim Millington (Fr.)
TE	89 James Moses (Sr.)	85 Joe Jon Finley (Fr.)
QB	18 Jason White (Sr.)	12 Paul Thompson (Jr.)
FB	38 J.D. Runnels (Jr.)	39 Dan Townsend (So.)
TB	20 Kejuan Jones (Sr.)	Adrian Peterson (Fr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	49 Jonathan Jackson (Sr.)	92 Larry Birdine (So.)
DT	94 Dusty Dvoracek (Sr.)	Remi Ayodele (Jr.)
DT	96 Lynn McGruder (Sr.)	74 Lawrence Dampier (Fr.)
DE	80 Dan Cody (Sr.)	58 Calvin Thibodeaux (Jr.)
WLB	48 Gayron Allen (Sr.)	16 Lewis Baker (So.)
MLB	10 Lance Mitchell (Sr.)	46 Zach Latimer (So.)
SLB	44 Clint Ingram (Jr.)	36 Russell Dennison (Jr.)
CB	13 Eric Bassey (Jr.)	22 Chijioke Onyenegecha (Jr.)
CB	28 Antonio Perkins (Sr.)	21 Jowahn Poteat (Jr.)
FS	23 Brodney Pool (Jr.)	5 Brandon Shelby (Sr.)
SS	8 Donte Nicholson (Sr.)	31 Tony Cade (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	83 Trey DiCarlo (Jr.)	KR	3 Jejuan Rankins (Jr.)
P	87 Blake Ferguson (Sr.)	PR	28 Antonio Perkins (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Jason White, 451-278-3,846-10, 40 TDs  
**Rushing:** Kejuan Jones, 225 car., 925 yds., 13 TDs  
**Receiving:** Mark Clayton, 83 rec., 1,425 yds., 15 TDs  
**Tackles:** Donte Nicholson, 90, 58 solo  
**Sacks:** Dan Cody, 10  
**Interceptions:** Brodney Pool, 7 for 79 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive players reflect Oklahoma's multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Bowling Green	W
S. 11	Houston	W
S. 18	Oregon	W
O. 2	Texas Tech	W
O. 9	#Texas	*
O. 16	at Kansas State	W
O. 23	Kansas	W
O. 30	at Oklahoma State	W
N. 6	at Texas A&M	W
N. 13	Nebraska	W
N. 20	at Baylor	W
	#Dallas, TX	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	North Texas	W	37-3
S. 6	at Alabama	W	20-13
S. 13	Fresno State	W	52-28
S. 20	UCLA	W	59-24
O. 4	at Iowa State	W	53-7
O. 11	at Texas	W	65-13
O. 18	Missouri	W	34-13
O. 25	at Colorado	W	34-20
N. 1	Oklahoma State	W	52-9
N. 8	Texas A&M	W	77-0
N. 15	Baylor	W	41-3
N. 22	at Texas Tech	W	56-25
D. 6	@Kansas State	L	7-35
J. 4	#LSU	L	14-21
	@Big 12 Championship Game		
	#Sugar Bowl		

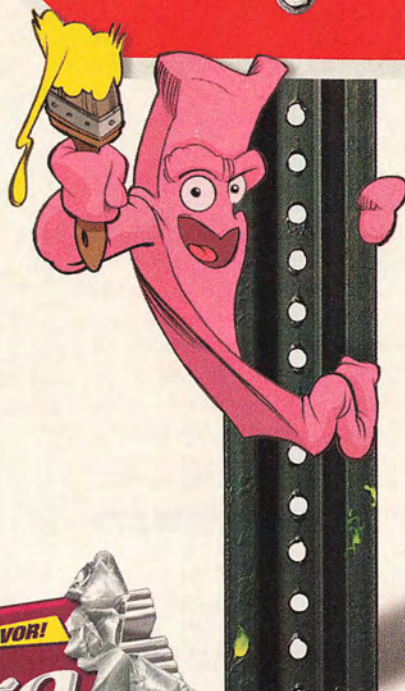
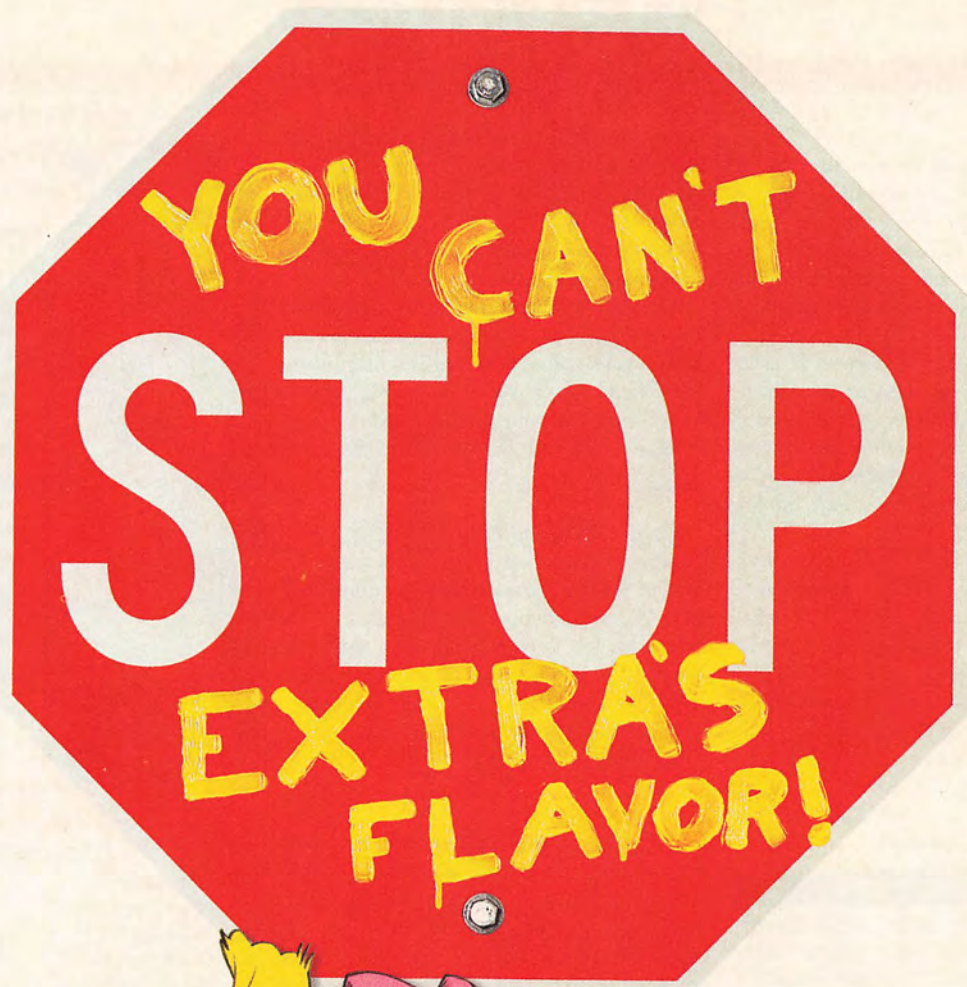
### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	42.9 ppg	3
Rushing	146.7 ypg	65
Passing	292.7 ypg	12
Total	439.4 ypg	19
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.3 ppg	5
Rushing	113.2 ypg	20
Passing	146.4 ypg	2
Total	259.6 ypg	3
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+17	+1.21	5

Head Coach: Bob Stoops

2003 Record (Big 12): 12-2 (8-0)





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## Offense

The Bulldogs ranked fifth in the SEC in total offense (380.3) and seventh in scoring offense (26.5) in 2003. Those numbers sicken coach Mark Richt, who made his name on offense and every year aspires to be among the top five teams in the nation in those categories. The main reason for the struggles was an offensive line that gave up an SEC-worst 47 sacks. The line should be better this year, but starting guards Josh Brock and Bartley Miller missed all of spring practice due to shoulder injuries. Miller is questionable for the 2004 season, so the Bulldogs won't know how much the line has improved until the fall.

If the line protects better, quarterback David Greene could have a Heisman-worthy season. Last year, facing almost constant pressure, he had the worst touchdown-to-interception ratio of his career (13-to-11). Backup D.J. Shockley will continue to rotate in for Greene occasionally.

Sophomore running back Gregg Lumpkin got going late last year and earned his first start in the Capital One Bowl. The big back (6'1", 211 pounds) averaged 4.7 yards per carry, the best among the team's regulars.

### NUMBERS GAME

**51** Georgia scored touchdowns in the red zone 51 percent of the time last year, the second-worst average in the SEC.

On the perimeter, Georgia must get more production from its wide receivers, particularly talented veterans Fred Gibson and Reggie Brown. Georgia's receivers caught nine touchdown passes last year. Two LSU receivers each had more than that.

## Defense

Georgia finished third in the country in scoring defense (14.5) and fourth in total defense (276.9) last year, and this year's group could be better. All-America defensive end David

Pollack returned for his final season rather than entering the NFL Draft. He needs six sacks to break the school's career record, and he easily could get that, particularly with Will Thompson coming back from a season-ending ankle injury to man the other end.

Linebacker Odell Thurman and safety Thomas Davis will make opponents hurt and NFL scouts salivate. Defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder builds his unit around speed. Safety Greg Blue, who will try to fill Sean Jones' shoes, is another big hitter who can run.

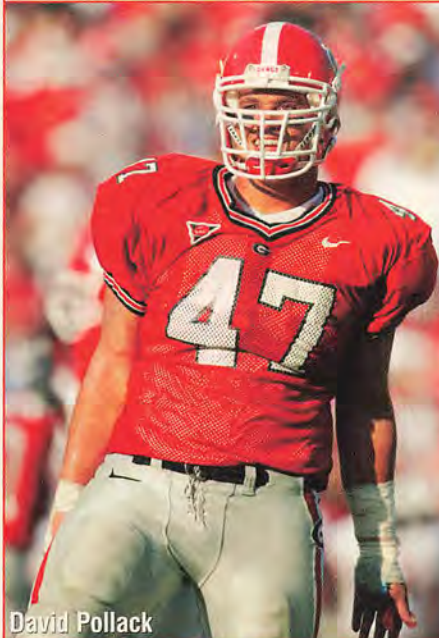
## Specialists

Placekicker Billy Bennett walked on at Georgia and ended up as a four-year starter. He set the NCAA record for single-season field goals (31) and attempts (38) last year. The battle for his job is wide open. As a team, the Bulldogs have excelled in special teams under Richt, blocking eight punts, eight field goals, two extra points and scoring six special teams touchdowns in his three years.

## Final Analysis

The Bulldogs need improvement from their offensive line, consistency from their receivers and a steady placekicker to reach the lofty expectations set for them this year. The rest of the pieces — including the senior quarterback, the emerging running back and the defense loaded with all-star candidates — are in place and proven. If they don't get healthy up front and find a handful of dependable receivers, they'll have to rely again on the defense. The legitimacy of the team's national title hopes will be determined early. Defending co-national champion LSU and Tennessee visit Sanford Stadium on back-to-back weekends in October. If Georgia emerges from those games 5-0, it will have Miami and the Orange Bowl in its sights. Of course, the Bulldogs would still have to go through Jacksonville, and the Florida Gators, winners of 13 of the last 14 against Georgia.

## SEC East Prediction: 1st



David Pollack

## Depth Chart

### Offense (10)

SE	1 Reggie Brown (Sr.)	16 Bryan McClendon (Jr.)
FL	82 Fred Gibson (Sr.)	4 Sean Bailey (So.)
ST	66 Dennis Roland (Jr.)	72 Daniel Inman (So.)
SG	60 Josh Brock (Jr.)	75 Fernando Velasco (So.)
C	50 Russ Tanner (Jr.)	70 Nick Jones (So.)
TG	73 Bartley Miller (Jr.)	78 Darrius Swain (Jr.)
TT	74 Max Jean-Gilles (Jr.)	71 James Lee (Fr.)
TE	87 Martrez Milner (So.)	81 Leonard Pope (So.)
QB	14 David Greene (Sr.)	3 D.J. Shockley (Jr.)
FB	41 Jeremy Thomas (Sr.)	22 Danny Ware (Fr.)
TB	6 Gregg Lumpkin (So.)	5 Michael Cooper (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE	58 Will Thompson (Sr.)	94 Quentin Moses (So.)
DT	97 Kedric Golston (Jr.)	90 Ray Gant (So.)
NT	92 Gerald Anderson (Jr.)	19 Marquis Elmore (So.)
DE	47 David Pollack (Sr.)	44 Marcus Jackson (So.)
SLB	46 Arnold Harrison (Sr.)	42 Danny Verdun Wheeler (So.)
MLB	33 Odell Thurman (Jr.)	45 Jarvis Jackson (So.)
WLB	53 Derrick White (Jr.)	42 Danny Verdun Wheeler (So.)
CB	2 DeMario Minter (Jr.)	29 Thomas Flowers (Fr.)
CB	23 Tim Jennings (Jr.)	26 Mike Gilliam (Jr.)
FS	10 Thomas Davis (Jr.)	39 Olaolu Sanni-Osomu (So.)
ROV	17 Greg Blue (Jr.)	11 Tra Battle (So.)

## Special Teams

K	93 Andy Bailey (Fr.)	KR	31 Tyson Browning (Jr.)
P	95 Gordon Ely-Kelso (So.)	PR	23 Tim Jennings (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: David Greene, 438-264-3,307-11, 13 TDs

Rushing: Michael Cooper, 156 car., 673 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Reggie Brown, 49 rec., 662 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Thomas Davis, 138, 89 solo

Sacks: David Pollack, 7.5

Interceptions: 3 players with 2 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Georgia Southern	W
S. 11	at South Carolina	W
S. 18	Marshall	W
O. 2	LSU	*
O. 9	Tennessee	W
O. 16	Vanderbilt	W
O. 23	at Arkansas	W
O. 30	#Florida	*
N. 6	at Kentucky	W
N. 13	at Auburn	W
N. 27	Georgia Tech	W
	#Jacksonville	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Clemson	W	30-0
S. 6	Middle Tennessee	W	29-10
S. 13	South Carolina	W	31-7
S. 20	at LSU	L	10-17
O. 4	Alabama	W	37-23
O. 11	at Tennessee	W	41-14
O. 18	at Vanderbilt	W	27-8
O. 25	UAB	W	16-13
N. 1	at Florida	L	13-16
N. 15	Auburn	W	26-7
N. 22	Kentucky	W	30-10
N. 29	at Georgia Tech	W	34-17
D. 6	@LSU	L	13-34
J. 1	#Purdue		
	@SEC Championship Game		
	#Capital One Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.5 ppg	64
Rushing	134.9 ypg	74
Passing	245.4 ypg	37
Total	380.3 ypg	58
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.5 ppg	3
Rushing	102.4 ypg	13
Passing	174.5 ypg	6
Total	276.9 ypg	4
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.79	14

Head Coach: Mark Richt

2003 Record (SEC): 11-3 (6-2)



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## Offense

Coach Larry Coker named Brock Berlin his starting quarterback before spring practice started, but the senior will have to play far better than he did last season if he expects to keep his job. It's unlikely that Coker will be as patient with Berlin, especially with the presence of redshirt freshman Kyle Wright. Wright has superior physical skills, but no experience. To keep his job, Berlin will have to exhibit much better decision-making than he did last season when his interceptions (17) far exceeded his touchdown passes (12).

Tyrone Moss and Quad Hill enter fall practice battling for the starting tailback job. Frank Gore could enter the fray if he proves fit following his second season-ending knee injury in two seasons. Gore might find himself further down the depth chart if any one of three freshmen proves worthy.

The receiving corps is back nearly in its entirety. The starters figure to be Ryan Moore and Roscoe Parrish, a potentially lethal combination if the injury-plagued Parrish can stay healthy. The tight end position, manned by starter Kevin Everett, remains strong and deep despite the departure of Kellen Winslow.

Three starters return on the offensive line, including left tackle Eric Winston, who was a first-team all-conference selection even though he had never played the position prior to last season.

## NUMBERS GAME

**43** The number of touchdowns scored by Miami's defense and special teams since 1999. Virginia Tech is second nationally during that span with 39 non-offensive touchdowns.

## Defense

After turning down a bid to join Chuck Amato's staff at NC State, defensive coordinator Randy Shannon returns to a unit that must

replace seven starters, including the entire line-backing corps, which was comprised of only five scholarship players during spring practice. Best of the group should be former strong-side starter Roger McIntosh, although middle line-backer Leon Williams has amazing physical tools and could be the next great player at the position for Miami.

There's also some uncertainty in the secondary, but not with cornerback Antrel Rolle, who may be the best player in the nation at his position. Big, fast and physical, Rolle hasn't allowed a touchdown pass since the opener of the 2002 season. Kelly Jennings will be at the corner position opposite Rolle, with Greg Threat getting the first shot to replace All-American Sean Taylor at free safety.

The strength of the defense will be along the line with tackles Orien Harris and Antonio Thomas and pass-rushing ends Thomas Carroll, Baraka Atkins and Javon Nanton.

## Specialists

The kicking job is secure with Jon Peattie, who proved his mettle several times as a freshman. Less definitive is the situation at punter, where Brian Monroe's inconsistency proved costly. Peattie may be Miami's best punter as well, but he won't handle both jobs.

The return men, Devin Hester on kickoffs and punt returner Roscoe Parrish, are among the nation's best.

## Final Analysis

Miami is going to be good. The only question is, how good? While the key departures on defense can be replaced, the losses do create a depth problem. But it's the offense that is the bigger cause for concern. Establishing confidence in a quarterback early will be critical.

If Coker finds a quarterback to steady the offense, and the young defense comes together quickly, the rest of the ACC will find itself looking up the standings at Miami.

## ACC Prediction: 1st



Antrel Rolle

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

FL	1 Roscoe Parrish (Jr.)	83 Sinorice Moss (Jr.)
SE	85 Ryan Moore (So.)	80 Akeem Jolla (So.)
LT	74 Eric Winston (Jr.)	72 Andrew Bain (So.)
LG	61 Tony Tella (Jr.)	71 Derrick Morse (Fr.)
C	70 Joel Rodriguez (Sr.)	77 Chris Myers (Sr.)
RG	77 Chris Myers (Sr.)	63 Alex Pou (So.)
RT	64 Rashad Butler (Jr.)	73 Cyrim Wimbs (Fr.)
TE	84 Kevin Everett (Sr.)	15 Buck Ortega (Jr.)
QB	7 Brock Berlin (Sr.)	16 Kyle Wright (Fr.)
FB	41 Talib Humphrey (Sr.)	40 Kyle Cobia (Sr.)
TB	30 Tyrone Moss (So.)	23 Quadtrine Hill (Jr.)

### Defense (4)

DE	98 Baraka Atkins (So.)	96 Alton Wright (Sr.)
DT	92 Orien Harris (Jr.)	54 Teraz McCray (Fr.)
DT	56 Antonio Thomas (Sr.)	99 Kareem Brown (So.)
DE	90 Thomas Carroll (Jr.)	57 Javon Nanton (Jr.)
WLB	52 Tavares Gooden (So.)	Willie Williams (Fr.)
MLB	44 Leon Williams (Jr.)	2 Jon Beason (Fr.)
SLB	50 Roger McIntosh (Jr.)	55 Glenn Cook (Fr.)
CB	6 Antrel Rolle (Sr.)	20 Terrell Walden (Fr.)
CB	22 Kelly Jennings (Jr.)	31 Glenn Sharpe (Jr.)
FS	19 Brandon Meriweather (So.)	24 Marcus Maxey (Jr.)
SS	5 Greg Threat (Jr.)	28 Willie Cooper (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	13 Jon Peattie (So.)	KR	4 Devin Hester (So.)
P	39 Brian Monroe (So.)	PR	1 Roscoe Parrish (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Brock Berlin, 352-211-2,419-17, 12 TDs

Rushing: Tyrone Moss, 107 car., 511 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Ryan Moore, 44 rec., 637 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Thomas Carroll, 51, 14 solo

Sacks: Javon Nanton, 8

Interceptions: Antrel Rolle, 2 for 45 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 6	Florida State	*
S. 18	Louisiana Tech	W
S. 23	at Houston	W
O. 2	at Georgia Tech	W
O. 14	Louisville	W
O. 23	at NC State	W
O. 30	at North Carolina	W
N. 6	Clemson	W
N. 13	at Virginia	W
N. 20	Wake Forest	W
D. 4	Virginia Tech	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	at Louisiana Tech	W	48-9
S. 6	Florida	W	38-33
S. 13	East Carolina	W	38-3
S. 20	at Boston College	W	33-14
O. 2	West Virginia	W	22-20
O. 11	at Florida State	W	22-14
O. 18	Temple	W	52-14
N. 1	at Virginia Tech	L	7-31
N. 8	Tennessee	L	6-10
N. 15	Syracuse	W	17-10
N. 22	Rutgers	W	34-10
N. 29	at Pittsburgh	W	28-14
J. 1	#Florida State	W	16-14
	#Orange Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	51
Rushing	179.9 ypg	33
Passing	215.1 ypg	63
Total	394.9 ypg	41

Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.1 ppg	4
Rushing	114.0 ypg	21
Passing	143.5 ypg	1
Total	257.5 ypg	2

TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.31	77

Head Coach: Larry Coker

2003 Record (Big East): 11-2 (6-1)





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## Offense

When Rich Rodriguez was hired away from Clemson, West Virginia fans expected plenty of passing fireworks. What they've seen is a spread offense dominated by the run — as well as a surprising amount of success. This year, the expectations in Morgantown are the highest since Rodriguez hit town. "Nobody is going to take us lightly this year," Rodriguez says. And the main reason is WVU's offense. The Mountaineers return their quarterback and main wide receiver threat, and they boast a strong and deep offensive line.

Rasheed Marshall is one of the fastest quarterbacks in the nation. He was clocked during spring drills at 4.36 in the 40-yard dash. The key is for him to improve his accuracy. What helps is having long-ball threat Chris Henry around. "Chris is still raw, but he's a supreme talent," Rodriguez says.

On board to take the heat off Henry is Eddie Jackson, a transfer from Washington. He has just one season of eligibility, but WVU's coaches are expecting him to make an impact.

The tailback position is again strong. Gone is Quincy Wilson, but Kay-Jay Harris has the potential to one-up both Wilson and the team's previous star, Avon Cobourne.

Tim Brown, who missed last season, and Dan Mozes anchor the offensive line.

## NUMBERS GAME

**12-2** West Virginia's record in Big East play is 12-2 over the past two seasons.

## Defense

WVU will miss linebacker Grant Wiley, the heart of the 2003 Mountaineer defense, but should be strong in the secondary and improved up front.

Rodriguez's concern is applying pressure in 2004. "The quarterbacks we played last year

were way too comfortable," the coach says.

Along the line, Ben Lynch, known for his quick first step and overall speed, has been moved from nose to end.

Scott Gyorko may be the best bet to step into Wiley's role as the team leader at linebacker. At middle linebacker, Adam Lehnortt should reclaim his position after sitting out spring with a bum shoulder. The most talented linebacker, however, is speedy Kevin McLee, set to start on the strong side.

Rodriguez wants better pass defense — especially on first and second downs — from his secondary. But he has the talent to get it. Spur Mike Lorello, free safety Jahmile Addae, bandit Lawrence Audena and corner Adam "Pacman" Jones give the Mountaineers an abundance of athleticism in the secondary.

## Specialists

The Mountaineers have no trouble returning kicks. Jones is a standout. Rodriguez also has Harris, Jackson and Jason Colson, among others, at his disposal.

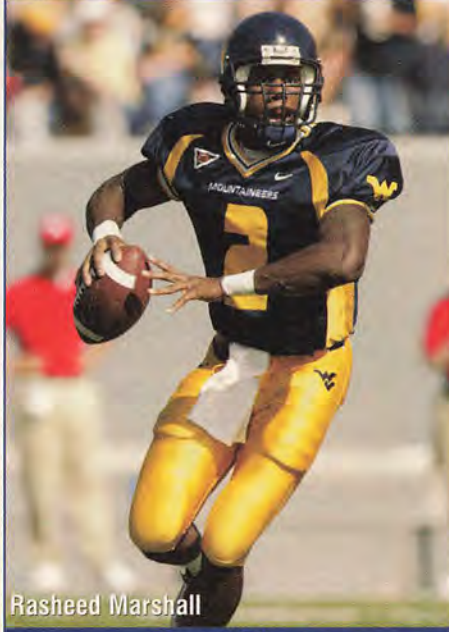
What WVU needs is improved kickers. Brad Cooper, the Mountaineers' placekicker and kickoff man last season, was only 1-of-7 on field goal tries of 40 yards and out. The punting may go to a sophomore, hometown product Eric Daugherty.

## Final Analysis

With a favorable schedule, a slew of returning starters, the return of Brown at tackle, and some talented newcomers, West Virginia should be set for a serious run at a BCS berth. Miami, which bolted for the ACC, is off the schedule. WVU will play at Virginia Tech, which likewise left the Big East, so a loss in Blacksburg wouldn't affect the Mountaineers' league title hopes.

West Virginia's main concerns are improved passing from Marshall, a stronger pass rush and better pass defense on first and second downs.

## Big East Prediction: 1st



Rasheed Marshall

Brad Schloss

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	5 Chris Henry (Jr.)	85 Dee Alston (Jr.)
WR	83 Miquelle Henderson (Sr.)	82 Rayshawn Bolden (So.)
WR*	15 Eddie Jackson (Sr.)	86 John Pennington (Sr.)
LT	75 Mike Watson (Sr.)	78 Josh Stewart (Jr.)
LG	76 Dan Mozes (So.)	79 Zac Napier (Fr.)
C	57 Jeremy Hines (So.)	62 Jeremy Moore (So.)
RG	68 Jeff Berk (Sr.)	65 Jeremy Sheffey (So.)
RT	60 Tim Brown (Sr.)	69 Garin Justice (Jr.)
TE	81 Ryan Thomas (Sr.)	49 Josh Bailey (Jr.)
QB	2 Rasheed Marshall (Sr.)	14 Charles Hales (Sr.)
FB	25 Hikee Johnson (Sr.)	Justin Dziak (So.)
TB	1 Kay-Jay Harris (Sr.)	24 Jason Colson (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	92 Ben Lynch (Sr.)	95 Jason Hardee (Sr.)
NT	66 Craig Wilson (So.)	90 Warren Young (So.)
DT	99 Ernest Hunter (Jr.)	98 Pat Liebig (So.)
WLB	33 Scott Gyorko (Sr.)	42 Jay Henry (So.)
MLB	10 Adam Lehnortt (Sr.)	53 Marc Magro (Fr.)
SLB	43 Kevin McLee (So.)	Joe Sykes (Jr.)
CB	9 Adam Jones (Jr.)	21 Davanzo Tate (Fr.)
CB	26 Anthony Mims (Jr.)	27 Vaughn Rivers (Fr.)
Spur	23 Mike Lorello (Jr.)	32 L.J. Montinar (Fr.)
Ban	47 Lawrence Audena (Sr.)	18 Abraham Jones (So.)
FS	4 Jahmile Addae (Jr.)	7 Vince Beamer (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	12 Brad Cooper (Sr.)	KR	9 Adam Jones (Jr.)
P	31 Eric Daugherty (So.)	PR	9 Adam Jones (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Rasheed Marshall, 215-109-1,729-8, 15 TDs

Rushing: Rasheed Marshall, 101 car., 303 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Chris Henry, 41 rec., 1,006 yds., 10 TDs

Tackles: Adam Lehnortt, 139, 74 solo

Sacks: Jason Hardee, 6

Interceptions: Adam Jones, 4 for 91 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
\*The 12 offensive players reflect WVU's multiple formations

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	East Carolina	W
S. 11	at UCF	W
S. 18	Maryland	*
S. 25	James Madison	W
O. 2	at Virginia Tech	W
O. 13	at Connecticut	W
O. 21	Syracuse	W
O. 30	at Rutgers	W
N. 6	Temple	W
N. 13	Boston College	W
N. 25	at Pittsburgh	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Wisconsin	L 17-24
S. 6	at East Carolina	W 48-7
S. 13	Cincinnati	L 13-15
S. 20	at Maryland	L 7-34
O. 2	at Miami	L 20-22
O. 11	Rutgers	W 34-19
O. 22	Virginia Tech	W 28-7
N. 1	UCF	W 36-19
N. 8	at Boston Coll.	W 35-28
N. 15	Pittsburgh	W 52-31
N. 22	at Syracuse	W 34-23
N. 29	Temple	W 45-28
J. 1	#Maryland	L 7-41
	#Gator Bowl	

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	40
Rushing	212.5 ypg	13
Passing	156.5 ypg	105
Total	368.9 ypg	72
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.8 ppg	44
Rushing	131.5 ypg	34
Passing	259.9 ypg	104
Total	391.3 ypg	74
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+16	+1.23	4

Head Coach: Rich Rodriguez

2003 Record (Big East): 8-5 (6-1)



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## Offense

Texas will again play two quarterbacks, though this year head coach Mack Brown and offensive coordinator Greg Davis promise to run the same plays for sophomore Vince Young and senior Chance Mock. Young is an exceptional runner who can throw a perfect fastball at times, but unfortunately he occasionally — and unintentionally — mixes in a curve and a knuckler. Mock has a decent arm and is fairly accurate but has a tendency to tap dance in the pocket and succumb to the rush.

Young opens things up for running back Cedric Benson and vice versa, so Texas will have one of the more potent running games in the country.

Wide receiver is a huge question mark, with a go-to guy having to come from a group in which most members are playing for the first time. Tight ends David Thomas and Bo Scaife have to take up the slack.

## NUMBERS GAME

**277** With BYU's shutout loss to Utah to end last season, Texas has scored in a national-best 277 straight games, dating back to a 16-0 loss to Baylor in 1980.

## Defense

New co-defensive coordinator Greg Robinson likes to talk about "controlled violence." He doesn't put emphasis on either word, but most observers feel it's the controlled part that is key.

Robinson, who spent the last 10 years as a defensive coordinator in the NFL, says there may not be a scheme the Longhorns won't run out of their base 4-3 set during the course of the season. "We're going to do what we need to win that week," he says. "The thing we're going to be noted for is the way we fly to the football and the way we tackle."

Speedy linebacker Derrick Johnson, the best player on the unit, is learning to be more

patient in his attack in Robinson's system.

Junior Rodrique Wright has developed into an honors-worthy force at defensive tackle, but UT has no proven partner for him. Starting defensive ends Tim Crowder and Mike Williams are an athletic pair, but the lack of quality depth behind them could be a problem.

The secondary, which returns three starters, may benefit from Robinson's use of disguised coverages compared to previous defensive coordinator Carl Reese's reliance on man-to-man.

## Specialists

With three-year kicker Dusty Mangum and second-year punter Richmond McGee back, the Longhorns are solid in the kicking game. But neither is a lock to hold onto his spot, as UT tries to be better than solid. David Pino is pushing to take over for Mangum, and Greg Johnson, a Freshman All-American at Vanderbilt in 2002, is after McGee's spot.

Junior Selvin Young will be the lead return man. He has returned only six punts, but two of them went for touchdowns.

## Final Analysis

Defenses will have trouble slowing the running of Young and Benson, but if the passing game isn't good enough to keep teams honest, eventually the running game will be shut down. And if Mock is the key to a successful passing game, expect to hear what are perhaps a football season's two most damaging words: quarterback controversy.

Texas has enough talent to beat every team on its schedule — most decisively — but the Horns have to find a way to beat Oklahoma. It's not an overstatement to say a successful season boils down to what happens in Dallas against the Sooners. A fifth straight loss to the hated Red River rivals would be painful.

After six sterling years under Brown, UT needs to put something of substance in the trophy case.

## Big 12 South Prediction: 2nd



Vince Young

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

FL	12 Tony Jeffery (Sr.)	2 Brian Carter (Jr.)
SE	14 Eric Enard (So.)	4 Limas Sweed (Fr.)
RT	63 Justin Blalock (So.)	78 William Winston (Jr.)
RG	72 Will Allen (Jr.)	69 Terrance Young (Jr.)
C	52 Jason Glynn (Sr.)	62 Lyle Sendlein (So.)
LG	64 Kasey Studdard (So.)	51 Mike Garcia (Jr.)
LT	73 Jonathan Scott (Jr.)	75 Lionel Garr (Sr.)
TE	16 David Thomas (Jr.)	80 Bo Scaife (Sr.)
QB	10 Vince Young (So.)	5 Chance Mock (Sr.)
FB	37 Will Matthews (Sr.)	35 Albert Hardy (So.)
TB	32 Cedric Benson (Sr.)	3 Selvin Young (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	6 Mike Williams (Jr.)	39 Brian Robison (So.)
DT	92 Larry Dibbles (Jr.)	93 Stevie Lee (Sr.)
DT	90 Rodrique Wright (Jr.)	99 Kaelen Jakes (Jr.)
DE	80 Tim Crowder (So.)	42 Chase Pittman (So.)
SLB	52 Garnet Smith (So.)	88 Stevie Stigall (Sr.)
MLB	2 Aaron Harris (Jr.)	33 Scott Derry (Fr.)
WLB	11 Derrick Johnson (Sr.)	40 Robert Killebrew (Fr.)
CB	5 Tarell Brown (So.)	7 Michael Huff (Jr.)
CB	8 Cedric Griffin (Jr.)	31 Aaron Ross (So.)
FS	22 Phillip Geiggar (Sr.)	18 Matt Melton (So.)
SS	7 Michael Huff (Jr.)	27 Michael Griffin (So.)

## Special Teams

K	14 Dusty Mangum (Sr.)	KR	3 Selvin Young (Jr.)
P	35 Richmond McGee (Jr.)	PR	3 Selvin Young (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Chance Mock, 183-100-1,469-2, 16 TDs  
**Rushing:** Cedric Benson, 258 car., 1,360 yds., 21 TDs  
**Receiving:** David Thomas, 14 rec., 219 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** Derrick Johnson, 125, 78 solo  
**Sacks:** Rodrique Wright, 7.5  
**Interceptions:** Derrick Johnson, 4 for 92 yds.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	North Texas	W
S. 11	at Arkansas	W
S. 25	Rice	W
O. 2	Baylor	W
O. 9	<b>#Oklahoma</b>	*
O. 16	Missouri	W
O. 23	at Texas Tech	W
O. 30	at Colorado	W
N. 6	Oklahoma State	W
N. 13	at Kansas	W
N. 26	Texas A&M	W
	#Dallas, TX	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 31	New Mexico St.	W	66-7
S. 13	Arkansas	L	28-38
S. 20	at Rice	W	48-7
S. 27	Tulane	W	63-18
O. 4	Kansas State	W	24-20
O. 11	Oklahoma	L	13-65
O. 18	at Iowa State	W	40-19
O. 25	at Baylor	W	56-0
N. 1	Nebraska	W	31-7
N. 8	at Oklahoma St.	W	55-16
N. 15	Texas Tech	W	43-40
N. 28	at Texas A&M	W	46-15
D. 30	#Washington St.	L	20-28
	#Holiday Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	41.0 ppg	6
Rushing	232.5 ypg	8
Passing	206.6 ypg	70
Total	439.1 ypg	20
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.5 ppg	32
Rushing	152.5 ypg	58
Passing	177.3 ypg	9
Total	329.9 ypg	25
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	53

Head Coach: Mack Brown

2003 Record (Big 12): 10-3 (7-1)

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## Offense

Michigan may have the best receiving corps in the nation. The big mystery is who will get the ball to them. In an atmosphere that demands perfection, Matt Gutierrez seems like a perfect choice for that job. Gutierrez, John Navarre's understudy last season, never lost a game as a three-year starter for California prep powerhouse De La Salle.

Gutierrez is more athletic and quicker than his predecessor and displayed accuracy (68 percent) in seven limited appearances. Clayton Richard, a lefty, is nearly the same size as Gutierrez but concedes a year of experience.

The starting quarterback will have an embarrassment of riches when he looks downfield. Braylon Edwards, Jason Avant and Steve Breaston combined for 2,354 yards and 19 touchdowns last season.

## NUMBERS GAME

**170** Michigan's returning receivers — Braylon Edwards, Jason Avant and Steve Breaston — caught 170 passes last season. That's a per-game average of 13.1.

Senior David Underwood is the lukewarm favorite to replace Chris Perry as the featured back. He'll face opposition from holdovers Tim Bracken, Jerome Jackson and Pierre Rembert and true freshmen Max Martin and Mike Hart.

Guard David Baas, a two-time All-Big Ten first team selection, anchors an offensive line with three returning starters.

## Defense

The front four is loaded with question marks, but the Wolverines have plenty of quality, experienced players at the other positions.

Linebackers Lawrence Reid and Pierre Woods led the team in tackles last season, and the Wolverines shouldn't have any trouble filling an opening at inside linebacker with part-

time starter Scott McClintock, Prescott Burgess and Shawn Crable competing there.

All-America candidate Marlin Jackson returns to cornerback after a one-year experiment at safety that was marred by a one-game suspension and injuries. With Jackson's reputation as a shut-down corner, opposing quarterbacks will try to pick on Markus Curry and Leon Hall.

LaMarr Woodley, the team's top recruit in 2003, made the switch from linebacker to defensive end in his freshman year. With his 4.5 speed, Woodley can be a premier edge rusher.

The remaining line spots are unsettled. Tackles Gabe Watson and Larry Harrison comprise a 640-pound obstacle up the middle but must prove they can be effective starters.

## Specialists

If Steve Breaston gets a chance to field a punt, he represents extreme danger to the opposition. Breaston, who set the Michigan single-season record for punt return yardage last season, returned two punts for touchdowns and had two others called back by penalties.

Placekicker Garrett Rivas and punter Adam Finley give the Wolverines stability and production in the kicking game.

## Final Analysis

With six returning starters on both offense and defense, Michigan is well-equipped for another Big Ten title run.

Everything hinges on how well the new starters at quarterback and tailback perform. Gutierrez has the physical tools and surrounding talent to succeed immediately. There will still be some bumps along the way and he'll have to deal with the impatient Michigan faithful.

A non-conference schedule that includes Miami (Ohio) and Notre Dame isn't overly demanding, setting up a probable nine- or 10-win regular season. The final two road games, at Purdue and Ohio State, will determine the Wolverines' postseason fate.

## Big Ten Prediction: 1st



Braylon Edwards

## Depth Chart

## Offense (6)

WR	1 Braylon Edwards (Sr.)	17 Carl Tabb (So.)
WR	8 Jason Avant (Jr.)	15 Steve Breaston (So.)
LT	79 Adam Stenavich (Jr.)	72 Rueben Riley (So.)
LG	75 David Baas (Sr.)	63 Derek Bell (Jr.)
C	54 Mark Bihl (So.)	65 Leo Henige Jr. (Jr.)
RG	67 Matt Lentz (Jr.)	57 Adam Kraus (Fr.)
RT	77 Jake Long (Fr.)	76 Mike Kolodziej (So.)
TE	89 Tyler Ecker (So.)	88 Tim Massaquoi (Jr.)
QB	12 Matt Gutierrez (So.)	91 Rondell Biggs (Fr.)
FB	32 Kevin Dudley (Sr.)	35 Brian Thompson (So.)
TB	5 David Underwood (Sr.)	41 Tim Bracken (Sr.)

## Defense (6)

DE	56 LaMarr Woodley (So.)	91 Rondell Biggs (So.)
DT	96 Larry Harrison (So.)	93 Alex Ofili (Jr.)
DT	78 Gabe Watson (Jr.)	92 Will Paul (Fr.)
DE	94 Pat Massey (Jr.)	91 Rondell Biggs (So.)
OLB	99 Pierre Woods (Jr.)	58 Roy Manning (Sr.)
ILB	42 Lawrence Reid (Jr.)	6 Prescott Burgess (So.)
ILB	36 Scott McClintock (Jr.)	2 Shawn Crable (Fr.)
CB	3 Marlin Jackson (Sr.)	4 Darnell Hood (So.)
CB	30 Markus Curry (Sr.)	29 Leon Hall (So.)
S	25 Ernest Shazor (Jr.)	21 Ryan Mundy (So.)
S	19 Willis Barringer (So.)	28 Jacob Stewart (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	38 Garrett Rivas (So.)	KR	17 Carl Tabb (So.)
P	39 Adam Finley (Sr.)	PR	15 Steve Breaston (So.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Matt Gutierrez, 19-13-153-0, 1 TD  
 Rushing: David Underwood, 52 car., 270 yds., 2 TDs  
 Receiving: Braylon Edwards, 85 rec., 1,138 yds., 14 TDs  
 Tackles: Lawrence Reid, 82, 53 solo  
 Sacks: Pierre Woods, 7  
 Interceptions: Leon Hall, 3 for 3 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Miami (OH)	W
S. 11	at Notre Dame	W
S. 18	San Diego State	W
S. 25	Iowa	W
O. 2	at Indiana	W
O. 9	Minnesota	W
O. 16	at Illinois	W
O. 23	at Purdue	W
O. 30	Michigan State	W
N. 13	Northwestern	W
N. 20	at Ohio State	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Central Michigan	W	45-7
S. 6	Houston	W	50-3
S. 13	Notre Dame	W	38-0
S. 20	at Oregon	L	27-31
S. 27	Indiana	W	31-17
O. 4	at Iowa	L	27-30
O. 10	at Minnesota	W	38-35
O. 18	Illinois	W	56-14
O. 25	Purdue	W	31-3
N. 1	at Michigan State	W	27-20
N. 15	at Northwestern	W	41-10
N. 22	Ohio State	W	35-21
J. 1	#USC	L	14-28
	#Rose Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.4 ppg	12
Rushing	175.9 ypg	38
Passing	270.8 ypg	22
Total	446.7 ypg	15
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.8 ppg	11
Rushing	116.6 ypg	22
Passing	180.5 ypg	15
Total	297.2 ypg	11
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	53

Head Coach: Lloyd Carr

2003 Record (Big Ten): 10-3 (7-1)





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## Offense

LSU is looking for a quarterback. And coach Nick Saban doesn't want to talk about it.

"It's going to happen on the field," Saban says. "It's not going to happen based on the questions the media asks or the controversy that you try to create because there's not going to be one."

Competing on the field since the spring and expected to continue through the early part of the season are senior Marcus Randall of Baton Rouge and highly touted redshirt freshmen JaMarcus Russell of Mobile, Ala., and Matt Flynn of Tyler, Texas.

Randall is the incumbent, but more like a lieutenant governor. He started six games in 2002 with mixed results when starter Matt Mauck got hurt. But he does know a complicated system very well.

Russell, who looks like a defensive end at 6'5" and 236 pounds, is one of the most high-profile quarterback signees at LSU in many years. Flynn is not as talented as Russell and comes from a conservative attack, but he has been able to keep pace.

## NUMBERS GAME

**6** LSU has produced six first-team All-Americans during Nick Saban's tenure in Baton Rouge. That number seems almost certain to grow this season.

Randall entered and exited spring drills as the starter, but not with a glowing recommendation. "Somebody's got to line up first," Saban says.

Whoever wins the race will be surrounded by tremendous talent to help him succeed. LSU's offensive line returns three starters and a few players who could have been starting at other schools. Tailback is so loaded with Justin Vincent and company that Saban moved last year's opening-day starter, Joseph Addai, to receiver. Junior Skyler Green leads a young but very talented receiving corps.

## Defense

Two starters — Chad Lavalais and Marquise Hill — are gone from what was probably the best line in the nation. But it was the secondary, with excellent cover corners Corey Webster and Travis Daniels, that was the secret to LSU finishing No. 1 in the nation in points allowed (11.0 per game) and No. 1 in fewest yards allowed (252 yards per game).

Webster and Daniels are back for their senior years and LaRon Landry at safety is also back. There is lots of talent and depth here with more on the way. Saban turned down the NFL's Chicago Bears to stay at LSU, but he can still play NFL blitz ball with his secondary.

Defensive end Marcus Spears turned down the NFL, too, to stay for his senior year, and talent remains on the line despite the losses.

LSU's linebackers benefited from great players around them last season. The position will have more talent with Ali Highsmith, a former Miami signee, and redshirt freshmen Darius Ingram and Dominic Cooper.

## Specialists

If LSU runs out of players at linebacker or safety, redshirt freshman punter Patrick Fisher could help. He's 6'5" and 224 pounds and averaged 48 yards per punt in high school. Chris Jackson and Ryan Gaudet have done well sharing the placekicking duties. Return men Green and Shyrone Carey are very dangerous.

## Final Analysis

LSU is loaded throughout its roster, but many key positions are filled with young players, not the least of which is quarterback. The Tigers' defense will have to be as good or better than it was last year, and the offensive line and running game may have to carry the team until the quarterback and receivers solidify.

LSU is in peculiar territory. It hasn't had to follow a national title in 46 years — unless you're talking baseball or track.

## SEC West Prediction: 1st



Justin Vincent

Steve Franz

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	5 Skyler Green (Jr.)	3 Craig Davis (So.)
WR	80 Dwayne Bowe (So.)	Xavier Carter (Fr.)
LT	76 Andrew Whitworth (Jr.)	77 Peter Dyakowski (So.)
LG	64 Rudy Niswanger (Jr.)	73 Will Arnold (Fr.)
C	55 Ben Wilkerson (Sr.)	59 Doug Planchard (So.)
RG	68 Terrell McGill (Jr.)	75 Brian Johnson (So.)
RT	71 Nate Livings (Jr.)	Brandon Washington (Jr.)
TE	82 David Jones (Jr.)	89 Keith Zinger (So.)
QB	12 Marcus Randall (Sr.)	4 JaMarcus Russell (Fr.)
FB	44 Kevin Steltz (Jr.)	40 Shawn Jordan (Fr.)
TB	25 Justin Vincent (So.)	22 Alley Broussard (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	84 Marcus Spears (Jr.)	99 Sean Merrill (Fr.)
DT	95 Kyle Williams (Jr.)	52 Ryan Willis (So.)
DT	98 Claude Wroten (Jr.)	90 Melvin Oliver (Jr.)
DE	49 Kirston Pittman (So.)	54 Brian West (So.)
SLB	7 Ali Highsmith (Fr.)	11 Dominic Cooper (Fr.)
MLB	58 Lionel Turner (Sr.)	45 Willie Demps (So.)
WLB	46 Cameron Vaughn (Jr.)	19 Darius Ingram (Fr.)
CB	13 Corey Webster (Sr.)	6 Mario Stevenson (Jr.)
CB	29 Travis Daniels (Sr.)	8 Ronnie Prude (Sr.)
FS	30 LaRon Landry (So.)	37 Daniel Francis (So.)
SS	31 Jessie Daniels (So.)	Joe Lawrence (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	41 Chris Jackson (So.)	KR	5 Skyler Green (Jr.)
P	36 Patrick Fisher (Fr.)	PR	5 Skyler Green (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Marcus Randall, 40-25-403-1, 2 TDs  
**Rushing:** Justin Vincent, 154 car., 1,001 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Skyler Green, 48 rec., 519 yds., 5 TDs  
**Tackles:** LaRon Landry, 80, 54 solo  
**Sacks:** Marcus Spears, 6  
**Interceptions:** Corey Webster, 7 for 60 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Oregon State	W
S. 11	Houston	W
S. 18	at Auburn	*
S. 25	Mississippi State	W
O. 2	at Georgia	*
O. 9	at Florida	*
O. 23	Troy State	W
O. 30	Vanderbilt	W
N. 13	Alabama	W
N. 20	Ole Miss	W
N. 27	#Arkansas	W
	#Little Rock, AR	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	UL Monroe	W	49-7
S. 6	at Arizona	W	52-0
S. 13	Western Illinois	W	35-7
S. 20	Georgia	W	17-10
S. 27	at Miss. State	W	41-6
O. 11	Florida	L	7-19
O. 18	at South Carolina	W	33-7
O. 25	Auburn	W	31-7
N. 1	Louisiana Tech	W	49-10
N. 15	at Alabama	W	27-3
N. 22	at Ole Miss	W	17-14
N. 28	Arkansas	W	55-24
D. 6	@Georgia	W	34-13
J. 4	#Oklahoma	W	21-14
	@SEC Championship Game		
	#Sugar Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.9 ppg	19
Rushing	185.7 ypg	27
Passing	232.6 ypg	43
Total	418.4 ypg	31
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	11.0 ppg	1
Rushing	67.0 ypg	3
Passing	185.0 ypg	18
Total	252.0 ypg	1
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.36	39

Head Coach: Nick Saban

2003 Record (SEC): 13-1 (7-1)



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## Offense

With nine of 11 starters returning, Florida State has the weaponry to make a run at its 12th ACC title in 13 years. Of course, the focus will be on fourth-year starting quarterback Chris Rix, who continues to see-saw between brilliance and baffling inconsistency. Rix, 24-10 as a starter, is the school's No. 2 all-time passer with 7,525 yards and 60 touchdowns but has been intercepted 32 times.

It won't hurt that FSU returns its entire starting offensive line, headed by consensus All-American Alex Barron and fellow tackle Ray Willis, as well as center David Castillo. They will be opening holes for shifty tailbacks Leon Washington and Lorenzo Booker, who will share the load of replacing starter Greg Jones.

Wide receiver Craphonso Thorpe's recovery from a broken leg, suffered in the 11th game last season, will be pivotal. Thorpe, the ACC's sprint champion in 2003, collected 51 receptions for 994 yards and 11 touchdowns as the Seminoles' primary deep threat.

## NUMBERS GAME

**5** FSU has lost five consecutive games to Miami, the team the Noles open the season against on Labor Day in the Orange Bowl — this time with ACC title ramifications.

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews had the luxury of building depth last season behind a veteran lineup, led by All-ACC tackle Darnell Dockett and linebackers Michael Boulware and Kendyll Pope, who were among seven graduated starters.

From a group of 23 returning letter winners, Andrews doesn't expect to have trouble shoring up his unit. Junior A.J. Nicholson and sophomore Ernie Sims were the most dominant defenders throughout the spring, and may actually provide an upgrade at linebacker,

where FSU lost all three starters.

Second-team All-ACC defensive end Eric Moore will build on last season's 7.5 sacks alongside a pair of new interior line starters, Travis Johnson and Brodrick Bunkley.

FSU's last line of defense includes rover Jerome Carter, returning with 183 career tackles, and free safety B.J. Ward, who had career-bests with 80 stops and six pass breakups last season. Seasoned cornerbacks Bryant McFadden and Leroy Smith will have to fight off Antonio Cromartie, who has the size and speed to be the program's next great corner.

## Specialists

With 298 career points, senior kicker Xavier Beitia is the fourth-leading scorer in school history. But the three-year starter — with two errant game-winning field goal attempts against Miami on his résumé — may have to fight off true freshman Gary Cismesia for the starting job.

Junior Chris Hall inherits the punting duties with limited game experience, but the return corps should be sound.

## Final Analysis

A daunting schedule begins where it ended for the Noles — at Miami. FSU's 16-14 Orange Bowl loss to the Hurricanes was its fifth consecutive in the rivalry, which takes on greater meaning now that UM has joined the ACC.

The Noles will tackle potential ACC contenders Clemson and Virginia at home, but late-season visits to Maryland and NC State should test FSU's character against a beefed-up conference.

The pieces are in place for the Seminoles' strongest national title run since 2000. The burden will likely fall on Rix. If he can improve his decision-making and avoid the mistakes that have led to at least three losses in each of the last three seasons, FSU should be able to retain its ACC crown and be in the hunt for a Sugar Bowl invitation.

## ACC Prediction: 2nd



Craphonso Thorpe

Chris Covatta

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

SE	15 Chauncey Stovall (Sr.)	26 Willie Reid (Sr.)
FL	1 Craphonso Thorpe (Sr.)	21 Dominic Robinson (Sr.)
ST	70 Alex Barron (Sr.)	75 Mario Henderson (So.)
SG	64 Matt Meinrod (Jr.)	62 Cory Niblock (So.)
C	63 David Castillo (Jr.)	67 John Frady (So.)
TG	73 Bobby Meeks (Sr.)	72 Ron Lunford (Jr.)
TT	77 Ray Willis (Sr.)	79 David Overmyer (Fr.)
TE	38 Paul Irons (Sr.)	88 Donnie Carter (Jr.)
QB	16 Chris Rix (Sr.)	19 Wyatt Sexton (So.)
FB	35 B.J. Dean (Jr.)	36 James Coleman (Jr.)
TB	3 Leon Washington (Jr.)	28 Lorenzo Booker (So.)

### Defense (4)

DE	94 Chauncey Davis (Sr.)	95 Kamerion Wimbley (Jr.)
DT	99 Travis Johnson (Sr.)	59 Charles Howard (Sr.)
DT	52 Brodrick Bunkley (Jr.)	97 Clifton Dickson (So.)
DE	55 Eric Moore (Sr.)	6 Willie Jones (Jr.)
SLB	34 Ernie Sims (So.)	56 Ray Piquion (Sr.)
MLB	44 Sam McGrew (So.)	7 Buster Davis (So.)
WLB	54 A.J. Nicholson (Jr.)	39 Marcello Church (Jr.)
CB	8 Bryant McFadden (Sr.)	11 Gerard Ross (Jr.)
CB	32 Leroy Smith (Jr.)	13 Antonio Cromartie (So.)
ROV	23 Jerome Carter (Sr.)	41 Kyler Hall (Sr.)
FS	24 B.J. Ward (Sr.)	22 Pat Watkins (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	47 Xavier Beitia (Sr.)	KR	13 Antonio Cromartie (So.)
P	31 Chris Hall (So.)	PR	3 Leon Washington (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Chris Rix, 382-216-3,107-13, 23 TDs

Rushing: Leon Washington, 74 car., 387 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Craphonso Thorpe, 51 rec., 994 yds., 11 TDs

Tackles: B.J. Ward, 80, 40 solo

Sacks: Eric Moore, 7.5

Interceptions: Leroy Smith, 3 for 122 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 6	at Miami	*
S. 18	UAB	W
S. 25	Clemson	*
O. 2	North Carolina	W
O. 9	at Syracuse	W
O. 16	Virginia	W
O. 23	at Wake Forest	W
O. 30	at Maryland	W
N. 6	Duke	W
N. 11	at NC State	W
N. 20	Florida	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at N. Carolina	W	37-0
S. 6	Maryland	W	35-10
S. 13	Georgia Tech	W	14-13
S. 20	Colorado	W	47-7
S. 27	at Duke	W	56-7
O. 11	Miami	L	14-22
O. 18	at Virginia	W	19-14
O. 25	Wake Forest	W	48-24
N. 1	at Notre Dame	W	37-0
N. 8	at Clemson	L	10-26
N. 15	NC State	W	50-44
N. 29	at Florida	W	38-34
J. 1	#Miami	L	14-16

#Orange Bowl

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.2 ppg	25
Rushing	133.2 ypg	77
Passing	269.6 ypg	25
Total	402.9 ypg	37
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.7 ppg	10
Rushing	119.4 ypg	25
Passing	212.9 ypg	47
Total	332.3 ypg	26
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.62	18

Head Coach: Bobby Bowden

2003 Record (ACC): 10-3 (7-1)





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## Offense

A former quarterback, coach Jim Tressel holds his signal-callers to a high standard and talks about the position's three commandments — eliminate mistakes, make big plays, and make good decisions. "Whoever does that best, I assure you, will be our quarterback," Tressel says.

Ohio State lists that person as Justin Zwick, a former prep phenom who has a quick release and a good understanding of the offense. However, fellow sophomore Troy Smith cannot be discounted. He has a live arm and extremely nimble feet and will be ready if Zwick struggles.

The Buckeyes lost three NFL draft picks up front in Shane Olivea, Adrien Clarke and Alex Stepanovich and will have a less experienced yet sleeker look with more mobile replacements in center Nick Mangold and left tackle Rob Sims. The line seems to mesh with tailback Lydell Ross, who is pointing toward a big senior season.

"My confidence is sky-high," Ross says. "I'm not looking back at anybody. I'm just looking forward to what I have to do, which hopefully is go out on top."

The Buckeyes will miss Michael Jenkins at receiver but have another big target in Roy Hall and a gamebreaker in Antonio Holmes.

## NUMBERS GAME

**14** The Buckeyes lost a staggering 14 players to the latest NFL draft, a record number for seven rounds. Replacing that huge chunk of talent will be a supreme challenge.

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio is gone and so are seven starters from last year's 11-2 team. However, new coordinator Mark Snyder brings the same high-energy, aggressive style, and the cupboard isn't exactly bare.

The defensive line has several candidates for breakout seasons. Defensive end Simon Fraser will be the anchor.

The linebacking corps is an embarrassment of riches led by the feisty A.J. Hawk and highly physical Anthony Schlegel, a transfer from Air Force. Bobby Carpenter is a natural strong-side performer who can take on tight ends and blast into the backfield to disrupt plays. Quality depth abounds.

The secondary lost the shutdown ability of Chris Gamble and big-play knack provided by Will Allen, which will be hard to replace. However, veteran corner Dustin Fox is a good starting point and safety Nate Salley is on the brink of stardom. After that it's athletes galore.

"I think we have the makings of having another outstanding Ohio State defense," Tressel says. "We just need experience."

## Specialists

OSU lost punter B.J. Sander, who often single-footedly altered field position last year. A freshman, a backup placekicker and a transfer are vying to take his place. The Buckeyes return one of the best kickers in the nation in Mike Nugent, and the return and cover teams should be more dangerous, especially if true freshman Ted Ginn Jr. provides a spark.

## Final Analysis

In posting a 25-2 record the last two years, the Buckeyes have lulled teams to sleep before coming through in the clutch on offense, smacked them around on defense and enjoyed a huge advantage on special teams. Tressel will try to do more of the same, but he will need more big plays and for his talented squad to grow up fast. The big questions are at quarterback and the offensive and defensive lines, where questions usually don't warrant lofty predictions. However, the program is on a roll and the overall talent is impressive. Plus, OSU will be expected to win with a home schedule that includes Wisconsin, Penn State and Michigan. The keys will be getting big production from Ross and Holmes and retaining a defensive swagger.

## Big Ten Prediction: 2nd



Simon Fraser

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

SE	8 Roy Hall (So.)	84 John Hollins (Sr.)
FL	4 Antonio Holmes (So.)	3 Bam Childress (Sr.)
LT	77 Rob Sims (Jr.)	72 T.J. Downing (So.)
LG	50 Doug Datish (So.)	69 Andree Tyree (Jr.)
C	55 Nick Mangold (Jr.)	73 Steve Winner (Jr.)
RG	52 Mike Kne (Sr.)	66 R.J. Coleman (So.)
RT	68 Tim Schafer (So.)	74 Kirk Barton (Fr.)
TE	80 Ryan Hamby (Jr.)	87 Jason Caldwell (Sr.)
QB	12 Justin Zwick (So.)	10 Troy Smith (So.)
FB	38 Brandon Joe (Sr.)	43 Brandon Schnitker (Jr.)
TB	30 Lydell Ross (Sr.)	28 Maurice Hall (Sr.)

### Defense (4)

DE	75 Simon Fraser (Sr.)	99 Jay Richardson (So.)
DT	94 Marcus Green (Jr.)	97 David Patterson (So.)
DT	90 Quinn Pitcock (So.)	98 Joel Penton (So.)
DE	57 Mike Kudla (Jr.)	83 Redgie Arden (Jr.)
SLB	42 Bobby Carpenter (Jr.)	17 Marcus Freeman (Fr.)
MLB	51 Anthony Schlegel (Jr.)	5 Mike D'Andrea (Jr.)
WLB	47 A.J. Hawk (Jr.)	1 Thomas Matthews (Sr.)
CB	37 Dustin Fox (Sr.)	13 Harlen Jacobs (Sr.)
CB	2 E.J. Underwood (Jr.)	26 Ashton Youboty (So.)
FS	21 Nate Salley (Jr.)	32 Brandon Mitchell (So.)
SS	9 Donte Whitner (So.)	6 Tyler Everett (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	85 Mike Nugent (Sr.)	KR	28 Maurice Hall (Sr.)
P	23 Josh Huston (Sr.)	PR	4 Antonio Holmes (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Justin Zwick, 8-4-24-0, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Lydell Ross, 193 car., 826 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Antonio Holmes, 32 rec., 549 yds., 7 TDs  
**Tackles:** A.J. Hawk, 106, 52 solo  
**Sacks:** Bobby Carpenter, 4.5  
**Interceptions:** Dustin Fox, 3 for 6 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Cincinnati	W
S. 11	Marshall	W
S. 18	at NC State	W
O. 2	at Northwestern	W
O. 9	Wisconsin	W
O. 16	at Iowa	*
O. 23	Indiana	W
O. 30	Penn State	W
N. 6	at Michigan State	W
N. 13	at Purdue	W
N. 20	Michigan	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Washington	W	28-9
S. 6	San Diego State	W	16-13
S. 13	NC State	(ot) W	44-38
S. 20	Bowling Green	W	24-17
S. 27	Northwestern	W	20-0
O. 11	at Wisconsin	L	10-17
O. 18	Iowa	W	19-10
O. 25	at Indiana	W	35-6
N. 1	at Penn State	W	21-20
N. 8	Michigan State	W	33-23
N. 15	Purdue	(ot) W	16-13
N. 22	at Michigan	L	21-35
J. 2	#Kansas State	W	35-28
	#Fiesta Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.8 ppg	74
Rushing	126.1 ypg	84
Passing	206.1 ypg	71
Total	332.2 ypg	93
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.6 ppg	16
Rushing	62.3 ypg	2
Passing	234.5 ypg	80
Total	296.9 ypg	10
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+1	+0.08	57

Head Coach: Jim Tressel

2003 Record (Big Ten): 11-2 (6-2)





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## Offense

Every time quarterback Brad Smith steps on the field he gives Missouri a chance to win. His freshman season was a tough act to follow, but he avoided a sophomore jinx by being almost as productive, finishing just 23 passing yards short of becoming the first player in NCAA Division I-A history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards twice. He is the "ultimate multi-dimensional guy," says Texas Tech coach Mike Leach. Under Smith's direction, the Tigers scored a school-record 399 points. Even so, his passing efficiency dropped off significantly.

Thomson Omboga, the leading receiver, returns, as does Sean Coffey, who presents match-up problems because of his size. Plus, Greg Bracey and Brad Ekwerekwu have speed to stretch the field vertically, something the Tigers have lacked.

Tailbacks Damien Nash and Marcus Woods provide a much-needed breakaway threat in an offense that will continue to be run-oriented. Missouri led the conference in rushing last year, but a repeat of that success depends on an offensive line rebuilt around guard Tony Palmer.

## NUMBERS GAME

**41** Gary Pinkel stresses taking care of the ball and in his three seasons, Missouri has had only 41 turnovers, the nation's fewest during that time.

## Defense

The defense has been suspect during Pinkel's three seasons at Missouri, but this fall it could be the strength of the team if some young players can contribute. There's certainly room for improvement. The Tigers were 38th in the nation in scoring defense, the most important statistic, but they were particularly suspect against the run — which Arkansas

exploited in the Independence Bowl.

C.J. Mosley and Aتيyah Ellison comprise one of the best tackle tandems in the conference. Linebacker James Kinney is second to none at covering the field sideline to sideline. Dedrick Harrington and Jason Simpson represent the Tigers' markedly improved athleticism on defense. Harrington has moved from rover to inside linebacker with Simpson moving from whip to replace him.

Nino Williams II is a playmaker at free safety — he was credited with 105 tackles and recovered three fumbles — and he has speed alongside him at cornerback. The secondary needs pressure from the front. The Tigers had only 26 sacks, including eight by end Brian Smith.

## Specialists

Punter Brock Harvey, who underwent surgery on the ankle of his kicking foot and missed spring practice, needs to regain his 2002 form. Punting was a disaster last season. How bad was it? The Tigers ranked No. 114 in the nation, out of 117 teams, with a net average of only 30.6 yards per punt.

"That's got to change," Pinkel says.

The Tigers lack a proven placekicker due to the graduation of two-year starter Michael Matheny.

## Final Analysis

Though Pinkel has described the program as taking three steps forward and two steps backward at times, it has progressed in talent — specifically, speed and strength — and consistency. The offensive line must be rebuilt and the kicking game must improve, particularly the punting. But with an experienced defense and a Smith-directed offense, the Tigers have to be considered contenders in the Big 12's North Division, which doesn't appear to have a clear-cut favorite. That's assuming they don't continue to melt down on the road.

## Big 12 North Prediction: 1st



Brad Smith

## Depth Chart

### Offense (4)

WR 87 Thomson Omboga (Sr.)	85 Greg Bracey (Fr.)
WR 86 Brad Ekwerekwu (So.)	88 Arnold Britt (Jr.)
WR 12 Sean Coffey (Jr.)	14 Jason Ray (Fr.)
WT 78 Scott Paffrath (Sr.)	79 Tyler Luellen (Fr.)
WG 52 Tony Palmer (Jr.)	66 Howard Brissette (Sr.)
C 57 Joe Gianino (Sr.)	77 Adam Spieker (Fr.)
SG 55 Mike Cook (So.)	71 Monte Wyrick (Fr.)
ST 68 Tony Clinker (Sr.)	74 Joel Clinger (So.)
TE 84 Victor Sesay (Sr.)	98 Clint Matthews (Sr.)
QB 16 Brad Smith (Jr.)	5 Brandon Coleman (So.)
TB 2 Damien Nash (Jr.)	20 Marcus Woods (Fr.)

### Defense (9)

DE 96 Zach Ville (Sr.)	30 Lorenzo Williams (Fr.)
DT 99 C.J. Mosley (Jr.)	92 Fabian Bean (So.)
NT 97 Aتيyah Ellison (Sr.)	94 Phil Pitts (Sr.)
DE 48 Xzavie Jackson (So.)	39 Brian Smith (So.)
LB 24 James Kinney (Sr.)	25 David Richard (So.)
LB 33 Dedrick Harrington (So.)	46 Henry Sweat (Sr.)
Whip 8 David Overstreet (So.)	15 Marcus Bacon (So.)
Rov 6 Jason Simpson (Jr.)	31 Quincy Wade (Jr.)
CB 17 Calvin Washington (Jr.)	7 A.J. Kincade (Jr.)
CB 45 Shirdonya Mitchell (Sr.)	36 Marcus King (Jr.)
FS 22 Nino Williams II (Sr.)	9 Justin Scott (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K 35 Alex Pettersen (So.)	KR 45 Shirdonya Mitchell (Sr.)
P 13 Brock Harvey (Sr.)	PR 20 Marcus Woods (Fr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Brad Smith, 350-211-1,977-7, 11 TDs  
 Rushing: Brad Smith, 212 car., 1,406 yds., 18 TDs  
 Receiving: Thomson Omboga, 52 rec., 466 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: James Kinney, 147, 84 solo  
 Sacks: Brian Smith, 8  
 Interceptions: 5 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Arkansas State	W
S. 11	at Troy State	W
S. 18	Ball State	W
O. 2	Colorado	W
O. 9	at Baylor	W
O. 16	at Texas	L
O. 23	Oklahoma State	W
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>at Nebraska</b>	*
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>Kansas State</b>	*
N. 20	Kansas	W
N. 27	at Iowa State	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Illinois	W	22-15
S. 6	at Ball State	W	35-7
S. 13	Eastern Illinois	W	37-0
S. 20	Middle Tenn. (ot)	W	41-40
S. 27	at Kansas	L	14-35
O. 11	Nebraska	W	41-24
O. 18	at Oklahoma	L	13-34
O. 25	Texas Tech	W	62-31
N. 8	at Colorado	L	16-21
N. 15	Texas A&M	W	45-22
N. 22	at Kansas State	L	14-24
N. 29	Iowa State	W	45-7
D. 31	#Arkansas	L	14-27
	#Independence Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.7 ppg	29
Rushing	237.5 ypg	6
Passing	166.0 ypg	102
Total	403.5 ypg	36
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.1 ppg	38
Rushing	167.2 ypg	72
Passing	213.8 ypg	50
Total	381.0 ypg	64
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.85	10

Head Coach: Gary Pinkel

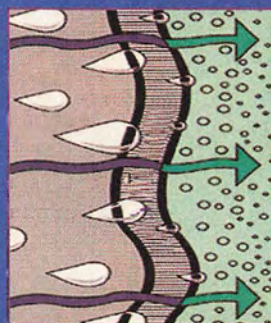
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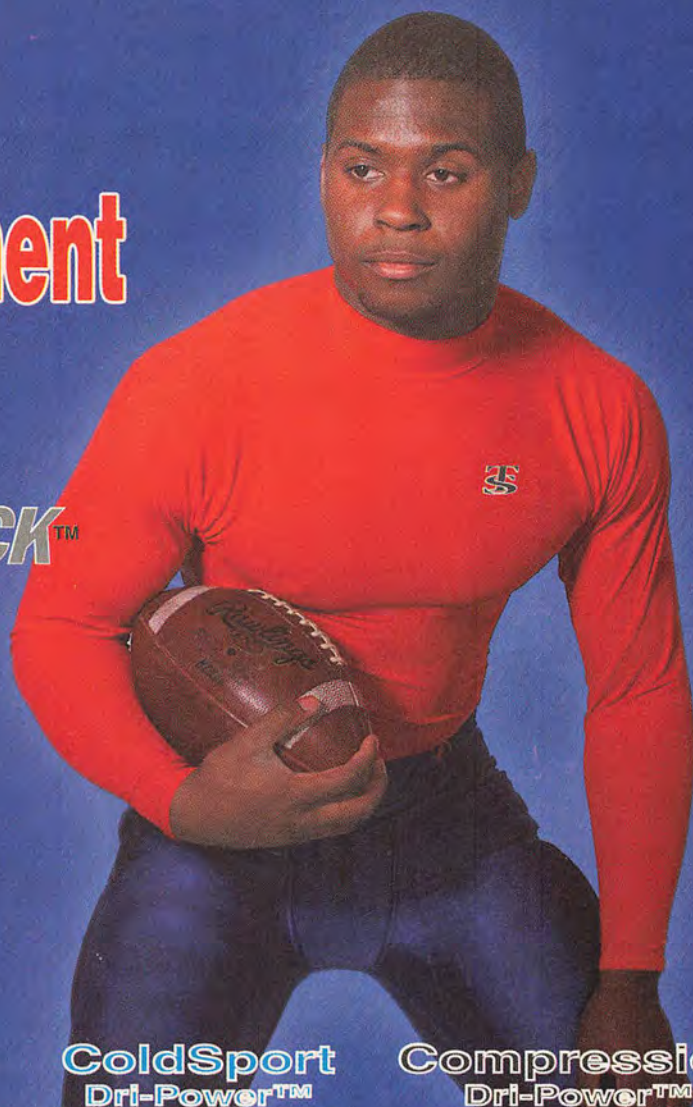
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## Offense

For the first time in three years, the Kansas State quarterback won't be Ell Roberson. The starting job will belong to sophomore Dylan Meier, a dual-threat passer who must fill some gaping shoes left by the record-breaker. Already, Meier has impressed coaches and teammates with his playmaking ability and has a big fan in head coach Bill Snyder. "He's really proven to all of us that he's on his way to becoming a very viable part of our offense," Snyder says.

The task for 2004? Simple. Keep the ball out of Darren Sproles' hands just enough to keep defenses honest. The All-America tailback can beat opponents a variety of ways. He led the nation in rushing yards (1,986) a year ago and intends to repeat the feat, but he also is a dangerous pass-catching threat out of the backfield. The Heisman Trophy candidate is nearly impossible to tackle one-on-one in the open field.

The Wildcats boast some stars-to-be at wide receiver, including senior Tony Madison, who should take over where departed James Terry left off as a 1,000-yard pass-catcher. But a revamped offensive line, featuring guard-turned-center Mike Johnson, must provide Meier with time to find his downfield threats.

## NUMBERS GAME

**50** K-State needs one Big 12 win to become the first team in league history to win 50 conference games.

## Defense

K-State is the only team in Division I-A to rank at least sixth in total defense in each of the past seven seasons, and senior cornerback Cedrick Williams, the program's best shutdown corner since Terence Newman, says it will be the same story again. "To be honest, I'm really confident," Williams says. "I know everyone is always saying you need to rebuild, but we're getting stronger."

Talented linebackers Ted Sims, Matt Butler and Marvin Simmons are game-tested and plan to prove the unit won't miss a beat. Simmons, the most inexperienced of the three, could be a monster at the weak-side position.

A wealth of on-field experience returns across a defensive line that helped record the second-most sacks (51) in the nation in '03, headlined by senior tackle Jermaine Berry, who started every game a year ago.

The secondary is stocked with depth. Hard-hitting Jesse Tetuan has the most starts (18) of any defender and could play at either safety position.

## Specialists

Kicker Joe Rheem should become the second Wildcat after Martin Gramatica to score 300 career points, but the punter spot is a glaring question that junior college transfer Jesse Martinez will try to answer.

Sproles, who led the nation with 2,735 all-purpose yards, averaged 27.2 yards on 10 kick-off returns and took a punt 63 yards for a score last season.

## Final Analysis

Kansas State has been here before: It must find replacements for several key players on both sides of the ball, including Roberson, Terry, and seven defensive starters who had a combined 184 starts. Such a quandary typifies the college football cycle, but arguably nobody has reloaded better year-in and year-out than Snyder.

The Wildcats' key will be keeping Sproles healthy and riding his explosiveness as far as he can take them.

K-State will face a difficult three-game October homestand against Big 12 South champion Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas Tech. That stretch will determine the course of the season, and it will also determine how far Meier has come as a quarterback.

## Big 12 North Prediction: 2nd



Darren Sproles

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	2 Antoine Polite (Sr.)	10 Jermaine Moreira (So.)
WR	7 Tony Madison (Sr.)	15 Davin Dennis (Jr.)
LT	79 Jon Doty (Sr.)	71 Michael Weiner (Jr.)
LG	76 Travis Triplett (Sr.)	61 John Hafferty (Fr.)
C	60 Mike Johnson (Sr.)	67 Kody Miller (Jr.)
RG	77 Chris Boggas (Sr.)	64 Malcolm Wooldridge (Sr.)
RT	66 Jeromey Clary (Jr.)	65 Logan Robinson (Fr.)
TE	86 Brian Casey (Sr.)	89 Rashaad Norwood (Fr.)
QB	9 Dylan Meier (So.)	6 Allen Webb (So.)
FB	42 Victor Mann (Jr.)	36 Ayo Saba (Jr.)
RB	43 Darren Sproles (Sr.)	5 Thomas Clayton (So.)

### Defense (4)

DE	93 Scott Edmonds (Jr.)	92 Tearius George (Jr.)
DT	91 Jermaine Berry (Sr.)	56 Quintin Echols (So.)
DT	96 Andrew Bulman (Sr.)	95 Derek Marso (Jr.)
DE	52 Kevin Huntley (Sr.)	47 Alax Carrier (Sr.)
SLB	59 Matt Butler (Jr.)	13 Sean Lowe (So.)
MLB	45 Ted Sims (Jr.)	59 Matt Butler (Jr.)
WLB	55 Marvin Simmons (Jr.)	46 Brandon Archer (So.)
CB	2 Louis Lavender (Sr.)	28 David Rose (Sr.)
CB	4 Cedrick Williams (Sr.)	17 Maurice Porter (Jr.)
FS	23 Jesse Tetuan (Jr.)	24 Maurice Mack (So.)
SS	31 Marcus Patton (Sr.)	33 Gaur Gaskins (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	15 Joe Rheem (Sr.)	KR	43 Darren Sproles (Sr.)
P	88 Jesse Martinez (Jr.)	PR	43 Darren Sproles (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Dylan Meier, 8-5-78-2, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Darren Sproles, 306 car., 1,986 yds., 16 TDs  
**Receiving:** Antoine Polite, 29 rec., 409 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Jermaine Berry, 82, 38 solo  
**Sacks:** Jermaine Berry, 7  
**Interceptions:** Cedrick Williams, 5 for -2 yds.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Western Kentucky	W
S. 11	Fresno State	W
S. 18	UL Lafayette	W
O. 2	at Texas A&M	W
O. 9	at Kansas	W
O. 16	Oklahoma	L
O. 23	Nebraska	W
O. 30	Texas Tech	W
N. 6	at Missouri	*
N. 13	at Colorado	W
N. 20	Iowa State	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 23	California	W	42-28
A. 30	Troy State	W	41-5
S. 6	McNeese State	W	55-14
S. 13	Massachusetts	W	38-7
S. 20	Marshall	L	20-27
O. 4	at Texas	L	20-24
O. 11	at Oklahoma State	L	34-38
O. 18	Colorado	W	49-20
O. 25	Kansas	W	42-6
N. 1	Baylor	W	38-10
N. 8	at Iowa State	W	45-0
N. 15	at Nebraska	W	38-9
N. 22	Missouri	W	24-14
D. 6	@Oklahoma	W	35-7
J. 2	#Ohio State	L	28-35
	@Big 12 Championship Game		
	#Fiesta Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	36.6 ppg	9
Rushing	228.6 ypg	9
Passing	212.4 ypg	67
Total	441.0 ypg	17
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.3 ppg	8
Rushing	108.5 ypg	17
Passing	174.6 ypg	7
Total	283.1 ypg	6
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.07	64

Head Coach: Bill Snyder

2003 Record (Big 12): 11-4 (6-2)

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## Offense

Tommy Bowden wisely staked his future on quarterback Charlie Whitehurst rather than former starter Willie Simmons, who transferred after the 2002 season. Whitehurst returns as arguably the ACC's best quarterback. Now a fourth-year junior, Whitehurst joined North Carolina State's Philip Rivers as the only ACC quarterbacks with 5,000 career passing yards after their first two seasons.

Running backs Duane Coleman and Yusef Kelly return, and Bowden hopes Clemson can rush for between 2,300 and 2,500 yards. Coleman is a shifty runner. When healthy, Kelly has nice a blend of size and burst.

Converted quarterback Chansi Stuckey slides to wide receiver to replace Derrick Hamilton, who left early for the NFL. Aïrese Currie, rising star Kelvin Grant and Curtis Baham should ensure little drop-off at receiver despite the loss of three key contributors.

Clemson starts two new offensive tackles, Roman Fry and Marion Dukes. Depth is a concern at that position. Guard Cedric Johnson and center Tommy Sharpe, who are returning starters, provide comfort inside.

## NUMBERS GAME

**63-17** *Clemson defeated bitter rival South Carolina 63-17 on the road last season. Clemson fans are still enjoying the most lopsided game in the series since 1900 and Lou Holtz's worst loss ever.*

## Defense

The strength of the defense starts at the back. All four starting defensive backs are returning. Cornerback Justin Miller struggled at times in 2003, but he is capable of dominating games with his coverage skills and hard hits.

Middle linebacker Leroy Hill enters 2004 as an All-America candidate because he makes plays

behind the line of scrimmage. The Tigers lose the experience of departed linebacker John Leake.

The front four presents the most serious questions. Three of the four starters are gone, including tackle Donnell Washington, an early NFL Draft entrant. Defensive end Maurice Fountain, the line's only returning starter, needs to replace Khaleed Vaughn as the group's leader.

Clemson is excited about junior college transfer Corey Groover, a defensive tackle who practiced in the spring. The front four must set the tone if the Tigers are to continue playing the dominating brand of defense they showed during their season-ending, four-game winning streak.

"We can play at another level, and we're going to need to," Bowden says.

## Specialists

Punter Cole Chason returns after an up-and-down first season. Jad Dean was expected to replace four-year starter Aaron Hunt at kicker, but Dean struggled in the spring, and walk-on Stephen Furr moved ahead of him.

Miller is a dynamic returner. Redshirt freshman C.J. Gaddis, a talented two-sport athlete, could also return punts and kicks.

## Final Analysis

The next step for Clemson is the most difficult, particularly with Miami and Virginia Tech now in the ACC. The Tigers will now be the hunted. Bowden made sure there was no complacency by reshuffling five coaches on his staff.

Given enough protection from two new tackles, Whitehurst can be one of the best quarterbacks in the country. The defensive line must adjust to its new starters. There are enough good athletes in the program for that to happen.

Clemson's greatest hurdle may be its schedule, which includes road games at Miami, Florida State, Virginia and Texas A&M. Given this schedule, eight wins would constitute a successful season. Just don't tell that to Clemson fans, whose expectations are always high.

## ACC Prediction: 3rd



Charlie Whitehurst

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	1 Aïrese Currie (Sr.)	13 Gerald McCloud (Sr.)
WR	2 Chansi Stuckey (So.)	18 Curtis Baham (Jr.)
WR	88 Kelvin Grant (So.)	82 Michael Collins (Jr.)
LT	72 Roman Fry (So.)	60 Jesse Pickens (Sr.)
LG	65 Cedric Johnson (Sr.)	74 Brandon Pilgrim (So.)
C	53 Tommy Sharpe (Sr.)	62 Dustin Fry (So.)
RG	64 Chip Myrick (Jr.)	63 Nathan Bennett (So.)
RT	75 Marion Dukes (So.)	73 Tim DeBeer (So.)
TE	87 Ben Hall (Sr.)	81 Bobby Williamson (Jr.)
QB	6 Charlie Whitehurst (Jr.)	14 Will Proctor (So.)
TB	3 Duane Coleman (Jr.)	5 Yusef Kelly (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	52 Vontrell Jamison (Sr.)	93 Gaines Adams (So.)
DT	76 Eric Coleman (Sr.)	71 Chris McDuffie (Fr.)
DT	7 Cory Groover (Jr.)	92 Trey Tate (Jr.)
DE	99 Maurice Fountain (Sr.)	86 Charles Bennett (Jr.)
LB	40 Anthony Waters (So.)	32 Nick Watkins (Fr.)
LB	43 LeRoy Hill (Sr.)	31 David Dunhan (Jr.)
Whip	38 Eric Sampson (Sr.)	20 Tramaine Billie (So.)
CB	8 Tye Hill (Jr.)	27 Robert Reese (Fr.)
CB	9 Justin Miller (Jr.)	15 Sergio Gilliam (So.)
Rov	24 Jamaal Fudge (Jr.)	23 Tavaghn Monts (Sr.)
FS	29 Travis Pugh (Sr.)	25 Roy Walker (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	16 Stephen Furr (Jr.)	KR	9 Justin Miller (Jr.)
P	30 Cole Chason (So.)	PR	9 Justin Miller (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Charlie Whitehurst, 465-288-3,561-13, 21 TDs

Rushing: Duane Coleman, 133 car., 615 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Aïrese Currie, 43 rec., 560 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Leroy Hill, 145, 110 solo

Sacks: Leroy Hill, 8

Interceptions: Jamaal Fudge, 4 for 66 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Wake Forest	W
S. 11	Georgia Tech	W
S. 18	at Texas A&M	W
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>at Florida State</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>O. 7</b>	<b>at Virginia</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 16	Utah State	W
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>Maryland</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 30	NC State	W
N. 6	at Miami	L
N. 13	at Duke	W
N. 20	South Carolina	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Georgia	L	0-30
S. 6	Furman	W	28-17
S. 13	Middle Tenn.	W	37-14
S. 20	at Georgia Tech	W	39-3
O. 4	at Maryland	L	7-21
O. 11	Virginia	W	30-27
O. 16	at NC State	L	15-17
O. 25	North Carolina	W	36-28
N. 1	at Wake Forest	L	17-45
N. 8	Florida State	W	26-10
N. 15	Duke	W	40-7
N. 22	at South Carolina	W	63-17
J. 2	#Tennessee	W	27-14
	#Peach Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.1 ppg	46
Rushing	136.9 ypg	73
Passing	283.6 ypg	16
Total	420.5 ypg	30
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.2 ppg	20
Rushing	131.8 ypg	35
Passing	204.5 ypg	38
Total	336.3 ypg	29
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	43

Head Coach: Tommy Bowden

2003 Record (ACC): 9-4 (5-3)



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## Offense

Coach Jeff Tedford has pushed several quarterbacks — Trent Dilfer, Akili Smith, Joey Harrington, David Carr and Kyle Boller — on a fast track to the first round of the NFL Draft. If junior Aaron Rodgers, who threw for 2,903 yards and 19 touchdowns in 2003, follows that path, the Bears should be hard to stop.

Rodgers threw just five interceptions last season even though he had just one preseason camp to learn the offense. This year, he will have a wealth of receivers, including Geoff McArthur, who caught 85 passes for 1,504 yards. "If Aaron continues to improve, he has the potential to be one of the best in the Pac-10," Tedford says.

But before Cal develops into a Rose Bowl contender, it must answer a couple of key questions. Will the Bears sort through their health issues on the offensive line? Four of their expected starters on the line missed spring ball due to shoulder surgery, including 6'7", 340-pounder Ryan O'Callaghan.

The other question concerns tailback. Tedford says he is confident that senior J.J. Arrington, who rushed for 607 yards as a backup, can handle the job. "J.J. has taken it to another level," Tedford says.

## NUMBERS GAME

**45** It's been 45 seasons since quarterback Joe Kapp led the Bears to their last Rose Bowl appearance, a 38-12 loss to Iowa. The "Rose Bowl Before I Die" slogan is alive and well in Berkeley.

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Bob Gregory has one star in rover Donnie McCleskey (102 tackles in 2003) and a potential one in defensive tackle Lorenzo Alexander, who has earned honorable mention All-Pac 10 honors the past two seasons.

However, without a surplus of star power, Gregory has to fill gaps by rotating players who are steady if not spectacular. That led to a bend

but don't break defense that allowed 384.9 yards per game in 2003. With eight defensive starters returning, that number should drop.

Gregory's toughest job might be finding a marquee pass rusher who can draw double teams. Cal had 38 sacks last season, but only 19.5 of those came from the defensive line. The Bears are hoping that ends Ryan Riddle and Ray Tago, junior college transfers who joined the team in 2003, will show marked improvement. Riddle had 6.5 sacks last season and Tago, who joined the team late and then battled injuries, had just one.

The strength of the unit should be the secondary, with McCleskey and senior free safety Ryan Gutierrez (93 tackles) leading the way.

"We have a combination of experience and quality young players," Tedford says. "And I'm anxious to see if Tago and Riddle can increase their production."

## Specialists

The biggest unknown for the Bears is junior college transfer David Lonie, an Australian barefoot water skier who was signed to handle the punting and placekicking. "David has lived up to all the advanced billing," Tedford says. "We just need to see what he does under the lights."

## Final Analysis

With a host of returning starters who know how to win, depth at tailback and wide receiver and an emerging star at quarterback, the Bears should put up huge offensive numbers. How much the defense improves should determine whether Cal can find its way to a major bowl.

The non-conference schedule is favorable. The Bears' toughest non-conference game is Sept. 25 at Southern Miss, a team Cal beat 34-2 in 2003.

If the Bears can remain relatively healthy, this season should end with another positive step and most likely a berth in either the Holiday or Sun Bowl.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 2nd



Geoff McArthur

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	6 Geoff McArthur (Sr.)	15 Chase Lyman (Sr.)
WR	5 Jonathan Makonnen (Sr.)	10 Burl Toler (Sr.)
LT	71 Andrew Cameron (So.)	53 Derek Joyce (Sr.)
LG	55 Jonathan Giesel (Sr.)	75 Eric Robertson (So.)
C	54 Marvin Philip (Jr.)	52 Scott Smith (So.)
RG	65 Aaron Merz (Jr.)	66 Bryan Deemer (Fr.)
RT	61 Ryan O'Callaghan (Jr.)	60 Jonathan Murphy (Jr.)
TE	88 Garrett Cross (Sr.)	82 Craig Stevens (Fr.)
QB	8 Aaron Rodgers (Jr.)	17 Reggie Robertson (Sr.)
FB	27 Chris Manderino (Jr.)	38 Byron Storer (So.)
TB	30 J.J. Arrington (Sr.)	9 Terrell Williams (Jr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	90 Ryan Riddle (Sr.)	92 Ray Tago (Sr.)
DT	76 Lorenzo Alexander (Sr.)	52 Brandon Mebane (So.)
DT	72 Tom Sverchek (Sr.)	69 Matt Malele (Fr.)
DE	94 Tosh Lupoi (Sr.)	Justin Johnson (Jr.)
OLB	40 Wendell Hunter (Sr.)	42 Ryan Estes (So.)
ILB	9 Joe Maningo (Sr.)	59 Sid Slater (Sr.)
OLB	19 Francis Blay-Miezah (Sr.)	58 Brian Tremblay (Sr.)
CB	22 Tim Mixon (So.)	7 Thomas DeCoud (Fr.)
CB	13 Daymeion Hughes (So.)	11 Harrison Smith (Jr.)
ROV	21 Donnie McCleskey (Jr.)	25 Mike McGrath (Sr.)
FS	23 Ryan Gutierrez (Sr.)	20 Matt Giordano (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	14 David Lonie (Jr.)	KR	30 J.J. Arrington (Sr.)
P	14 David Lonie (Jr.)	PR	22 Tim Mixon (So.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Aaron Rodgers, 349-215-2,903-5, 19 TDs  
 Rushing: J.J. Arrington, 107 car., 607 yds., 5 TDs  
 Receiving: Geoff McArthur, 85 rec., 1,504 yds., 10 TDs  
 Tackles: Donnie McCleskey, 102, 75 solo  
 Sacks: Wendell Hunter, 7  
 Interceptions: 5 players with 2 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Air Force	W
S. 11	New Mexico State	W
S. 18	at Southern Miss	W
<b>O. 2</b>	<b>at Oregon State</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 9	at USC	L
O. 16	UCLA	W
O. 23	at Arizona	W
O. 30	Arizona State	W
N. 6	Oregon	W
N. 13	at Washington	W
N. 20	Stanford	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 23	at Kansas State	L	28-42
A. 30	Southern Miss	W	34-2
S. 6	Colorado State	L	21-23
S. 11	at Utah	L	24-31
S. 20	at Illinois	W	31-24
S. 27	USC	(3ot) W	34-31
O. 4	Oregon State	L	21-35
O. 18	at UCLA	(ot) L	20-23
O. 25	Arizona	W	42-14
N. 1	at Arizona State	W	51-23
N. 8	at Oregon	L	17-21
N. 15	Washington	W	54-7
N. 22	at Stanford	W	28-16
D. 26	#Virginia Tech	W	52-49
	#Insight Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.6 ppg	23
Rushing	168.3 ypg	44
Passing	264.6 ypg	26
Total	432.9 ypg	23
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.4 ppg	54
Rushing	133.7 ypg	37
Passing	251.1 ypg	91
Total	384.9 ypg	68
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.21	50

Head Coach: Jeff Tedford

2003 Record (Pac-10): 8-6 (5-3)



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## Offense

The Gators will rise or fall with sophomore quarterback Chris Leak, who will enter this season with a luxury he didn't have last year — experience. Thrown in as the starter just months after his high school graduation, Leak occasionally looked like a true freshman. Now that he's had a season and a spring to develop chemistry with his receivers, backs and line, Leak should look more comfortable in the offense.

If spring scrimmages are any indication, new coordinator Larry Fedora has opened up the offense for Leak by modifying some formations and giving his quarterback a chance to throw downfield more.

The Gators have three backs — DeShawn Wynn, Ciatrick Fason and Skyler Thornton — who would be welcome on any roster in the top 25. Wynn and Fason should duke it out for the starting job, while the 5'11", 210-pound Thornton showed flashes of brilliance near the goal line this spring.

The Gators haven't had a classic go-to receiver since Jabar Gaffney, but several of the current crop seem capable of winning that title.

### NUMBERS GAME

**3** Florida players totaled just three 100-yard receiving games last season. The Gators will need more of these if they hope to reach the SEC title game.

Though the Gators lost two studs in guard Shannon Snell and tackle Max Starks, they return their anchor, junior center Mike Degory. Degory has started all 26 games of his college career, and he should provide steady leadership on a line with a few new faces.

## Defense

Coaches may have struck gold when they found defensive end Jeremy Mincey at a Mississippi junior college. The 6'3", 255-

pounder rushes relentlessly and could terrorize opposing quarterbacks. Inside, tackle Marcus Thomas should be fully recovered after hernia surgery in the spring, and sophomore Ray McDonald looks ready to build on a solid freshman year.

Super sophomore linebacker Channing Crowder leads a trio that could be one of the SEC's most disruptive. Crowder, Earl Everett and Travis Harris, moved from defensive end, are interchangeable at all three positions, and all three are fast, strong and smart. Despite missing two games last year, Crowder finished second on the team with 106 tackles. He also can destroy plays without making the tackle, either by disrupting blocking schemes or chasing the quarterback on blitzes.

New secondary coach Dan Disch faces the difficult task of finding four new starters, most notably All-America corner Keiwan Ratliff.

## Specialists

Punter Eric Wilbur averaged 44.8 yards per boot as a freshman, but Zook said in the spring that Nick Fleming would get a crack at the starting job. Florida's most glaring special teams need is a replacement for the explosive Ratliff. Receiver Andre Caldwell and cornerback Vernell Brown are candidates.

## Final Analysis

Florida may have one of its most athletically gifted teams in years, but how those athletes will respond to game pressure is the great unknown.

The Gators will have a chance to find out Sept. 18 when they face Tennessee at Neyland Stadium. If they can beat the Volunteers, the Gators have a chance to be 5-0 entering the Oct. 9 home game against LSU. That game — and the Oct. 30 matchup with Georgia in Jacksonville — should determine whether Florida will have a chance to play for its first SEC title since 2000.

## SEC East Prediction: 2nd



Chris Leak

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	11 O.J. Small (Sr.)	5 Andre Caldwell (So.)
WR	81 Dallas Baker (Jr.)	6 Jermelle Cornelius (So.)
LT	76 Tavares Washington (Sr.)	64 Anthony Guerrero (Sr.)
LG	72 Lance Butler (Jr.)	62 Ronald Dowdy (Sr.)
C	68 Mike Degory (Jr.)	79 Steve Rissler (So.)
RG	61 Mo Mitchell (Sr.)	65 Billy Griffin (Sr.)
RT	74 Randy Hand (Jr.)	78 Jonathan Colon (Sr.)
TE	Markell Thompson (Jr.)	88 David Kenner (Sr.)
QB	12 Chris Leak (So.)	14 Justin Midgett (Fr.)
FB	42 Billy Latsko (So.)	45 Eddie Hatch (Jr.)
TB	4 Ciatrick Fason (Jr.)	21 DeShawn Wynn (So.)

### Defense (3)

DE	93 Steven Harris (So.)	Jeremy Mincey (Jr.)
DT	44 Marcus Thomas (So.)	58 Kenny Parker (Jr.)
DT	95 Ray McDonald (So.)	90 Michael Hill (Fr.)
DE	97 Tranell Morant (Fr.)	94 Jarvis Moss (Fr.)
LB	30 Earl Everett (So.)	92 Taurean Charles (So.)
LB	55 Channing Crowder (So.)	47 Todd McCullough (Jr.)
LB	27 Travis Harris (Sr.)	99 Howard Lingard (So.)
CB	35 Reynaldo Hill (So.)	24 DeShawn Carter (Jr.)
CB	15 Demetric Webb (So.)	16 Vernell Brown (Jr.)
SS	7 Cory Bailey (Sr.)	49 Terrence Holmes (So.)
FS	46 Jarvis Herring (Jr.)	18 Tremaine McCollum (So.)

### Special Teams

K	14 Matt Leach (Sr.)	KR	5 Andre Caldwell (So.)
P	10 Eric Wilbur (So.)	PR	16 Vernell Brown (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Chris Leak, 320-190-2,435-11, 16 TDs  
**Rushing:** Ciatrick Fason, 84 car., 583 yds., 3 TDs  
**Receiving:** O.J. Small, 35 rec., 379 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Channing Crowder, 106, 65 solo  
**Sacks:** Ray McDonald, 4  
**Interceptions:** Cory Bailey, 2 for 34 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Middle Tennessee	W
S. 11	Eastern Michigan	W
S. 18	at Tennessee	*
S. 25	Kentucky	W
O. 2	Arkansas	W
O. 9	LSU	*
O. 23	at Mississippi State	W
O. 30	#Georgia	*
N. 6	at Vanderbilt	W
N. 13	South Carolina	W
N. 20	at Florida State	*
	#Jacksonville, FL	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	San Jose State	W	65-3
S. 6	at Miami	L	33-38
S. 13	Florida A&M	W	63-3
S. 20	Tennessee	L	10-24
S. 27	at Kentucky	W	24-21
O. 4	Ole Miss	L	17-20
O. 11	at LSU	W	19-7
O. 18	at Arkansas	W	33-28
N. 1	Georgia (at Jax)	W	16-13
N. 8	Vanderbilt	W	35-17
N. 15	at S. Carolina	W	24-22
N. 29	Florida State	L	34-38
J. 1	#Iowa	L	17-37
	#Outback Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

	Per Game	Rank
<b>Offense</b>		
Scoring	30.0 ppg	34
Rushing	146.0 ypg	66
Passing	245.4 ypg	36
Total	391.4 ypg	46
<b>Defense</b>		
Scoring	20.8 ppg	28
Rushing	158.5 ypg	65
Passing	208.9 ypg	44
Total	367.5 ypg	51
<b>TO Margin</b>		
	+0.54	25

Head Coach: Ron Zook

2003 Record (SEC): 8-5 (6-2)



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## Offense

Quarterback Alex Smith was something of an accidental discovery last season, taking over in the third week after Brett Elliott was injured. Elliott was healthy a few weeks later, but he never took another snap — and subsequently transferred — because Smith had secured the job.

Before being injured in the ninth game, tailback Mike Liti showed good signs as a freshman in relief of Brandon Warfield. The Utes actually ran out of tailbacks at one point. But now, even with Warfield gone, there's no shortage. Having overcome injuries and legal problems, Marty Johnson is expected to be reinstated to the team. He gained 405 yards in the first two games of 2002 but has not played since.

Coach Urban Meyer is happy with the Ute receivers; "I couldn't say that last spring," he says. That was before Oregon transfer Paris Warren caught a school-record 76 passes in 11 games. Steve Savoy added 40 catches and Travis LaTendresse, who missed spring drills with a shoulder injury, had 32 grabs.

It's the offensive linemen who have received criticism this year. Meyer wants this group to be much more consistent and even dominant. "We have a long way to go," says Meyer, who at least can count on right guard Chris Kemoeatu.

## NUMBERS GAME

**46** *Until last season, Utah had not won an outright conference championship in 46 years. The 1957 Utes also lost one league game but finished alone in first place in the Skyline Conference.*

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham's hallmark is giving up yards but not many points. That was certainly true at the end of last season, when Utah shut out BYU and Southern Miss. This fall, Whittingham expects a similar performance from his defense, which allowed averages of 338 yards and 19 points. His line

will be strong up the middle with noseguard Steve Fifta coming off a three-sack season and tackle Sione Pouha flanking him.

The Utes always have playmakers at linebacker. Spencer Toone's speed makes him an outstanding rover.

Eric Weddle had a remarkable freshman season, with three interceptions and four forced fumbles after becoming a starting cornerback in the fourth game. Free safety Morgan Scalley is the ideal captain of the secondary, with toughness and intelligence.

## Specialists

Bryan Borreson scored the only points in Utah's 3-0 win over BYU and was 11-for-14 on field goals for the season, but his longest kick was only 42 yards. Punter Matt Kovacevich averaged 40.6 yards.

Utah led the nation in kickoff returns last season, averaging 28.2 yards per return with Bo Nagahi and Scalley doing most of the work.

## Final Analysis

Anyone who thinks Utah's success in coach Urban Meyer's first season was just a temporary spike should look at Bowling Green's recent history. The Falcons surprised the Mid-American Conference with Meyer's new attitude and spread offense, posting an 8-3 record in '01. Bowling Green went 9-3 the following season before Meyer departed.

So everything suggests the Utes can match or even top their 10-2 performance of last season.

With everyone else in the league facing major questions and Utah tackling a fairly modest non-conference schedule, an unbeaten regular season is not unrealistic. It would take more of the game-deciding plays the Utes made last season, plus improved offensive line play and the preserved health of Smith.

The Utes will start the season high enough in the polls that they can move into BCS bowl territory — but only if they win every game.

## MWC Prediction: 1st



Alex Smith

Joshua Brown

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	86 Steven Savoy (So.)	23 John Madsen (Jr.)
WR	82 Paris Warren (Sr.)	85 Rob Gueck (So.)
WR	88 Travis LaTendresse (Sr.)	4 Jerome Wright (Sr.)
LT	78 Tavo Tupola (So.)	69 Jason Boone (Fr.)
LG	73 Steve Dahl (So.)	Paul Soliai (Jr.)
C	55 Andrew Johnson (Jr.)	79 Jesse Boone (Jr.)
RG	68 Chris Kemoeatu (Sr.)	71 Mitch Arquette (So.)
RT	70 Makai Aalona (Sr.)	74 David Dirkmaat (Jr.)
TE	39 Jon Clark (Jr.)	97 Willie Sao (So.)
QB	11 Alex Smith (Jr.)	9 Brigham Au (Jr.)
RB	20 Mike Liti (So.)	1 Marty Johnson (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	55 Marquess Ledbetter (Jr.)	53 Reza Williams (Sr.)
DT	90 Sione Pouha (Sr.)	72 Paueli Tamasoa (Jr.)
NG	94 Steve Fifta (Jr.)	76 Tevita Kemoeatu (Sr.)
DE	91 Jonathan Fanene (Sr.)	92 Tony Castaldi (Fr.)
SLB	93 Corey Dodds (Sr.)	95 Alex Puccinelli (Fr.)
MLB	40 Tommy Hackenbruck (Sr.)	38 Aaron Bryant (Sr.)
ROV	9 Spencer Toone (Jr.)	40 Tommy Hackenbruck (Sr.)
CB	32 Eric Weddle (So.)	34 Gerald Fletcher (Sr.)
CB	21 Shaun Harper (So.)	29 Ryan Smith (Fr.)
SS	11 Kawika Casco (Sr.)	2 Antonio Young (Jr.)
FS	25 Morgan Scalley (Sr.)	41 Grady Marshall (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	7 Bryan Borreson (Jr.)	KR	22 Bo Nagahi (Sr.)
P	19 Matt Kovacevich (Sr.)	PR	82 Paris Warren (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Alex Smith, 266-173-2,247-3, 15 TDs  
**Rushing:** Alex Smith, 149 car., 452 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Paris Warren, 76 rec., 809 yds., 4 TDs  
**Tackles:** Morgan Scalley, 73, 41 solo  
**Sacks:** Marquess Ledbetter, 5  
**Interceptions:** Eric Weddle, 3 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	Texas A&M	W
S. 11	at Arizona	W
S. 18	at Utah State	W
S. 25	Air Force	W
O. 2	at New Mexico	W
O. 16	North Carolina	W
O. 23	UNLV	W
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>at San Diego State</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 6	Colorado State	W
N. 13	at Wyoming	W
N. 20	BYU	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Utah State	W	40-20
S. 6	at Texas A&M	L	26-28
S. 11	California	W	31-24
S. 27	at Colorado State	W	28-21
O. 3	Oregon	W	17-13
O. 11	San Diego State	W	27-6
O. 18	at UNLV	W	28-10
O. 25	New Mexico	L	35-47
N. 1	at Air Force	W	45-43
N. 15	Wyoming	W	47-17
N. 22	at BYU	W	3-0
D. 31	#Southern Miss	W	17-0
	#Liberty Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.7 ppg	42
Rushing	160.5 ypg	48
Passing	214.0 ypg	65
Total	374.5 ypg	64
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.1 ppg	19
Rushing	139.5 ypg	46
Passing	198.8 ypg	28
Total	338.3 ypg	31
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.75	15

Head Coach: Urban Meyer

2003 Record (MWC): 10-2 (6-1)





## Offense

For the first time since 1999, Iowa will not have a senior start the season at quarterback. The Hawkeyes thrived behind a string of one-hit wonders that featured seniors Nathan Chandler last season, Brad Banks in 2002 and Kyle McCann in 2001.

Now comes a youth movement, as sophomores Drew Tate, Jason Manson and Cy Phillips will compete with redshirt freshman Eric McCollom for the starting position.

Tate, who is the all-time leading passer in Texas high school history, has the edge at this point after serving as Chandler's backup last season. Manson and McCollom both are very athletic and have styles that are similar to that of Banks. "I'd make a prediction that we'll go into August ... where we're not quite sure how it's going to shake out," says coach Kirk Ferentz.

Senior running back Jermelle Lewis has recovered from a knee injury that caused him to miss the first seven games last season. He will replace Fred Russell as the featured back. Lewis rushed for 709 yards as a sophomore in 2002.

There are plenty of receivers, but besides junior Ed Hinkel and speedy sophomore Calvin Davis, few have experience.

## NUMBERS GAME

**55** Iowa's returning quarterbacks have combined for 55 career passing yards — all by Drew Tate.

Though it hurts to lose All-America left tackle Robert Gallery, the Outland Trophy winner, there is still a solid nucleus returning on the offensive line. Senior tackle Peter McMahon could be Iowa's next star-in-the-making.

## Defense

As good as Iowa was on defense last season, it could be even better in 2004. Junior line-backers Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway finished first and third, respectively, in the Big Ten

in tackles last season. Senior end Matt Roth also is back to terrorize quarterbacks for one last season. He made first-team All-Big Ten last season after leading the team with 12 sacks and 16 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

As for the secondary, the good news is that three starters return, including junior cornerbacks Jovon Johnson and Antwan Allen. Johnson led the team with six interceptions last season, while Allen has started 26 consecutive games. The bad news is that Iowa will be without All-America strong safety Bob Sanders, who has moved on to the NFL. Sophomore Marcus Paschal is expected to replace Sanders.

## Specialists

Sophomore Kyle Schlicher, who once made a 56-yard field goal in high school, has one of the toughest jobs in college football — replacing All-America kicker Nate Kaeding. Senior David Bradley will punt for the fourth consecutive season. He suffered through a mid-season slump in 2003, but still finished with a respectable 40.8 average.

Hinkel is steady, but not spectacular, as a punt returner. There are plenty of game-breakers to return kickoffs.

## Final Analysis

Iowa will try to live up to expectations in 2004 after exceeding them in each of the previous three seasons. The Hawkeyes have won 21 of last their 26 games, and there is reason to think that more victories are coming.

While the schedule is challenging, it could be worse. The three teams that defeated Iowa last season — Michigan State, Ohio State and Purdue — will play at Kinnick Stadium, where the Hawkeyes are 13-1 over the past two seasons.

"I'm real confident that if we take the proper steps and don't have too many unforeseen things take place, we feel we're going to have a good football team," Ferentz says. "But we've got a lot of work to do between now and then."

## Big Ten Prediction: 3rd



Matt Roth

## Depth Chart

### Offense (2)

SE	22 Calvin Davis (So.)	86 Warren Holloway (Sr.)
WR	11 Ed Hinkel (Jr.)	84 Matt Melloy (Jr.)
LT	70 Lee Gray (Jr.)	73 C.J. Barkema (Jr.)
LG	76 Mike Jones (So.)	59 Ben Cronin (Jr.)
C	54 Mike Elgin (So.)	59 Ben Cronin (Jr.)
RG	74 David Walker (Jr.)	58 Blake Larsen (Jr.)
RT	69 Pete McMahon (Sr.)	64 Chris Felder (So.)
TE	46 Champ Davis (So.)	81 Tony Jackson (Sr.)
QB	5 Drew Tate (So.)	16 Jason Manson (So.)
FB	43 Aaron Mickens (Sr.)	34 A.J. Johnson (So.)
RB	29 Jermelle Lewis (Sr.)	23 Marcus Schnoor (Jr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	98 Derreck Robinson (Sr.)	99 Bryan Mattison (Fr.)
DT	60 Tyler Luebke (Sr.)	65 Alex Willcox (Fr.)
DT	45 Jonathan Babineaux (Sr.)	98 Derreck Robinson (Sr.)
DE	31 Matt Roth (Sr.)	99 Bryan Mattison (Fr.)
OLB	50 George Lewis (Sr.)	27 Edmond Miles (So.)
MLB	52 Abdul Hodge (Jr.)	51 Zach Gabelmann (So.)
WLB	18 Chad Greenway (Jr.)	44 Mike Humpal (Fr.)
CB	20 Antwan Allen (Jr.)	6 Walner Belleus (Jr.)
CB	26 Jovon Johnson (Jr.)	36 Chigozie Ejiasi (Sr.)
SS	25 Marcus Paschal (So.)	15 Miguel Merrick (So.)
FS	37 Sean Considine (Sr.)	32 Andrew Becker (So.)

## Special Teams

K	1 Kyle Schlicher (So.)	KR	29 Jermelle Lewis (Sr.)
P	28 David Bradley (Sr.)	PR	11 Ed Hinkel (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Drew Tate, 11-6-55-0, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Jermelle Lewis, 46 car., 241 yds., 1 TD  
**Receiving:** Calvin Davis, 23 rec., 330 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Abdul Hodge, 141, 83 solo  
**Sacks:** Matt Roth, 12  
**Interceptions:** Jovon Johnson, 6 for 81 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Kent State	W
S. 11	Iowa State	W
S. 18	at Arizona State	W
S. 25	at Michigan	L
O. 2	Michigan State	W
O. 16	Ohio State	*
O. 23	at Penn State	W
O. 30	at Illinois	W
N. 6	Purdue	W
N. 13	at Minnesota	*
N. 20	Wisconsin	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Miami (OH)	W	21-3
S. 6	Buffalo	W	56-7
S. 13	at Iowa State	W	40-21
S. 20	Arizona State	W	21-2
S. 27	at Michigan State	L	10-20
O. 4	Michigan	W	30-27
O. 18	at Ohio State	L	10-19
O. 25	Penn State	W	26-14
N. 1	Illinois	W	41-10
N. 8	at Purdue	L	14-27
N. 15	Minnesota	W	40-22
N. 22	at Wisconsin	W	27-21
J. 1	#Florida	W	37-17
	#Outback Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.7 ppg	41
Rushing	172.9 ypg	39
Passing	161.2 ypg	104
Total	334.1 ypg	92
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.2 ppg	7
Rushing	92.7 ypg	8
Passing	221.9 ypg	61
Total	314.5 ypg	16
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	43

Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz

2003 Record (Big Ten): 10-3 (5-3)





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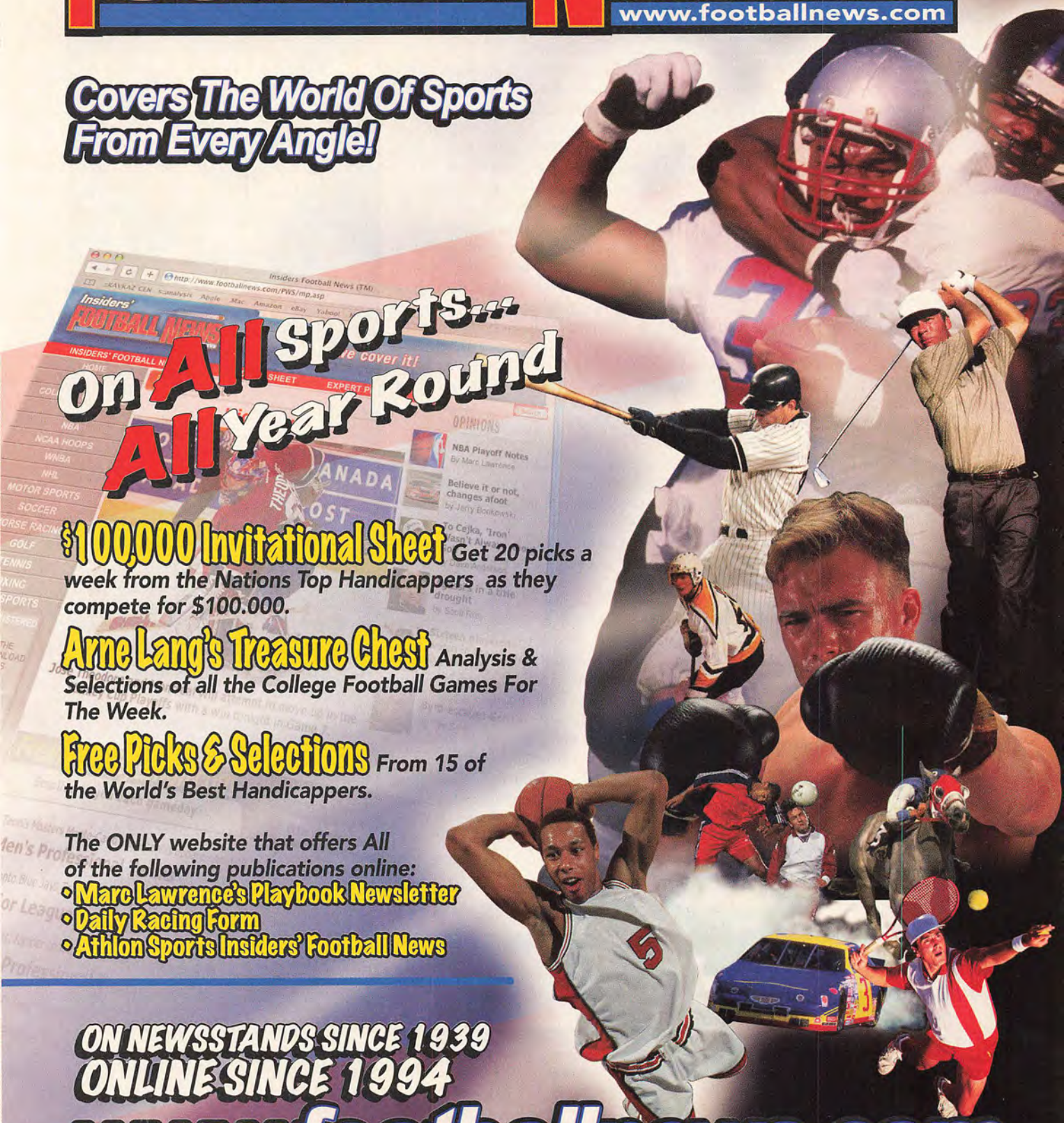
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## Offense

The Big Orange has big questions at quarterback. Sixth-year senior C.J. Leak enters fall as the starter, yet the only player on the roster to win a game starting at quarterback is James Banks, and he has since moved to receiver. Junior Rick Clausen and incoming freshmen Erik Ainge and Brent Schaeffer will push Leak for playing time. Head coach Phillip Fulmer simplified the offense, asking that his quarterback merely be efficient and avoid turnovers.

UT has its deepest receiving corps in years with promising redshirt freshman Robert Meachem, gamebreaker Chris Hannon and fearless Tony Brown, among many others. Derrick Tinsley is dangerous in open space and is especially effective on screens and reverses.

Senior tailback Cedric Houston hopes to slash for the 1,450 yards he needs to become Tennessee's all-time leading rusher. Junior tailback Gerald Riggs has great upside but has not been consistent. Jabari Davis, a 230-pound bull, specializes in short-yardage situations.

The offensive line is a team strength with All-America candidate Michael Muñoz returning for his senior year at left tackle. Albert Toeaina, a 350-pound junior college transfer, locks down the right tackle position. The Vols' starting linemen all weigh more than 300 pounds.

## NUMBERS GAME

# 113

Phillip Fulmer is 113-28 (.801) entering his 13th season. Fulmer's 113 wins place him in a fifth-place tie with Steve Spurrier for most wins among Division IA coaches through their first 12 seasons.

## Defense

"It all starts up front for us," coordinator John Chavis says. "We've got a good group."

The Vols have a six-man rotation at defensive end, led by All-SEC candidate Parys Haralson. UT will play six at defensive tackle as

well, benefiting from the addition of junior college transfer Jesse Mahelona.

The linebacking corps is the strongest unit on the team. Senior Kevin Burnett is back up to speed at weak-side linebacker after a 2003 season that saw him struggle to regain the explosiveness he had prior to 2002's season-ending knee injury. Middle linebacker Kevin Simon, a 5'11", 225-pounder, is chiseled and plays with passion. The strong-side job is being contested by speedy Jason Mitchell and sure tackler Omar Gaither.

The secondary will be hard-pressed to replace three departed veterans, but cornerback Jason Allen gives UT a good start. Allen, at 6'2", 200, is one of the most physical corners in the SEC. Jonathan Wade, a world-class sprinter in high school, looks to start at the other corner. Corey Campbell started three games at free safety last season. The strong safety position appears to be a weakness.

## Specialists

Consensus All-American punter Dustin Colquitt returns for his senior campaign, and kicker James Wilhoit is coming off a Freshman All-American season. An abundance of tailbacks and receivers gives Fulmer plenty of options for kick and punt return duty.

## Final Analysis

Fulmer says teams have won championships without a dynamic quarterback, and he hopes the same can hold true for his football team.

Tennessee looks to play power football and hit the deep pass often enough to keep the defense honest. A strong offensive line, experienced tailbacks, and a handful of breakaway receivers make it a possibility.

Defensively, UT's formidable front seven looks to shut down the run and force opponents into obvious pass situations, allowing Chavis to unleash his arsenal of blitzes. The Vols must contain offenses that utilize multiple receiver formations.

## SEC East Prediction: 3rd



Kevin Simon

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	81 Tony Brown (Sr.)	17 C.J. Fajton (Jr.)
WR	13 Chris Hannon (Jr.)	3 Robert Meachem (Fr.)
LT	77 Michael Muñoz (Sr.)	71 Steven Jones (Fr.)
LG	52 Rob Smith (So.)	76 Arron Sears (So.)
C	63 Jason Rеспert (Sr.)	74 Richie Gandy (Jr.)
RG	70 Cody Douglas (Jr.)	66 David Ligon (So.)
RT	72 Albert Toeaina (Jr.)	54 Eric Young (Fr.)
TE	83 Victor McClure (Sr.)	88 Jake Finlayson (Jr.)
QB	12 C.J. Leak (Sr.)	16 Rick Clausen (Jr.)
FB	48 Cory Anderson (So.)	David Holbert (Fr.)
TB	21 Cedric Houston (Sr.)	34 Jabari Davis (Sr.)

### Defense (4)

DE	98 Parys Haralson (Jr.)	15 Turk McBride (So.)
DT	92 Justin Harrell (So.)	95 Tony McDaniel (So.)
DT	55 Jesse Mahelona (Jr.)	96 Greg Jones (Jr.)
DE	46 Karlton Neal (Sr.)	94 Jason Hall (Jr.)
SLB	35 Jason Mitchell (Jr.)	44 Omar Gaither (Jr.)
MLB	5 Kevin Simon (Jr.)	56 Jon Poe (Jr.)
WLB	2 Kevin Burnett (Sr.)	42 Daniel Brooks (So.)
CB	18 Jason Allen (Jr.)	36 Rashaun Fellows (Fr.)
CB	4 Jonathan Wade (So.)	37 Antonio Gaines (Fr.)
SS	38 Brandon Johnson (Jr.)	19 Jarod Parrish (So.)
FS	26 Corey Campbell (So.)	25 Ben Greene (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	25 James Wilhoit (So.)	KR	23 Corey Larkins (Sr.)
P	47 Dustin Colquitt (Sr.)	PR	3 Robert Meachem (Fr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: C.J. Leak, 8-5-66-0, 1 TD

Rushing: Cedric Houston, 149 car., 766 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: James Banks, 42 rec., 621 yds., 6 TDs

Tackles: Kevin Simon, 115, 79 solo

Sacks: Kevin Simon, 4.5

Parys Haralson, 4.5

Interceptions: 3 players with 2 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	UNLV	W
S. 18	Florida	*
S. 25	Louisiana Tech	W
O. 2	Auburn	*
O. 9	at Georgia	L
O. 16	at Ole Miss	W
O. 23	Alabama	W
O. 30	at South Carolina	*
N. 6	Notre Dame	W
N. 20	at Vanderbilt	W
N. 27	Kentucky	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Fresno State	W	24-6
S. 6	Marshall	W	34-24
S. 20	at Florida	W	24-10
S. 27	S. Carolina	(ot) W	23-20
O. 4	at Auburn	L	21-28
O. 11	Georgia	L	14-41
O. 25	at Alabama	(5ot) W	51-43
N. 1	Duke	W	23-6
N. 8	at Miami	W	10-6
N. 15	Miss. State	W	59-21
N. 22	Vanderbilt	W	48-0
N. 29	at Kentucky	W	20-7
J. 2	#Clemson	L	14-27
#Peach Bowl			

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

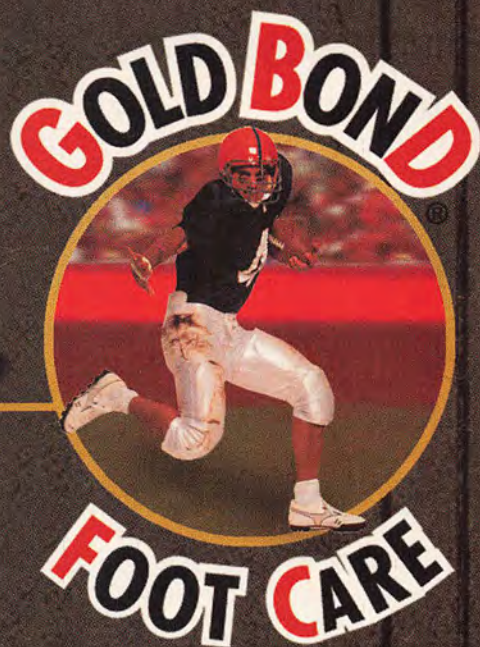
Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.1 ppg	46
Rushing	138.5 ypg	70
Passing	233.4 ypg	62
Total	371.9 ypg	67
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.4 ppg	17
Rushing	138.3 ypg	43
Passing	186.1 ypg	20
Total	324.4 ypg	22
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.23	47

Head Coach: Phillip Fulmer

2003 Record (SEC): 10-3 (6-2)



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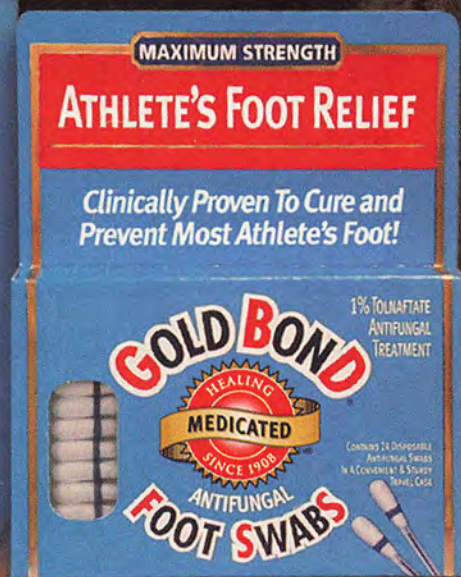
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## Offense

Al Borges came to Auburn last spring with a holster full of the West Coast offense, but don't think he's just going to be a pass-happy play-caller in the SEC. Auburn's new offensive coordinator has devised a plan to play standout tailbacks Carnell Williams and Ronnie Brown in the same backfield for the first time, and that means the Tigers will rely on their running while adding some juice to the passing.

Quarterback Jason Campbell has played a lot, won a lot and last year was finally the undisputed starter. He'll have the job again this season, but, of course, with a typical Auburn twist: He'll be working under his fourth different offensive coordinator in four years.

Tuberville is hoping Borges' new offense will do something the old ones haven't — complete some passes across the middle and throw long.

Now two years removed from their freshman hype, receivers Devin Aromashodu and Ben Obomanu will be looking for bounce-back junior seasons. One will likely back up the other. That leaves spots open for Courtney Taylor and Anthony Mix. Taylor was the second-best receiver on the team last year as a freshman and has the best stats of the returning receivers.

## NUMBERS GAME

**\$3.8** *If he hadn't fought a coup to oust him last season, Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville would have received a \$3.8 million buyout. In the end, the president and A.D. were the ones who paid the price.*

Auburn must replace two offensive linemen. Well, three if you consider the Tigers are moving starting center Danny Lindsey to right guard. The shakeup in the line is not expected to derail Auburn's running game, however, and the transition in the spring went without a hitch.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	UL Monroe	W
S. 11	at Mississippi State	W
S. 18	LSU	*
S. 25	The Citadel	W
O. 2	at Tennessee	*
O. 9	Louisiana Tech	W
O. 16	Arkansas	W
O. 23	Kentucky	W
O. 30	at Ole Miss	W
N. 13	Georgia	L
N. 20	at Alabama	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	USC	L	0-23
S. 6	at Georgia Tech	L	3-17
S. 13	at Vanderbilt	W	45-7
S. 27	Western Kentucky	W	48-3
O. 4	Tennessee	W	28-21
O. 11	at Arkansas	W	10-3
O. 18	Miss. State	W	45-13
O. 25	at LSU	L	7-31
N. 1	UL Monroe	W	73-7
N. 8	Ole Miss	L	20-24
N. 15	at Georgia	L	7-26
N. 22	Alabama	W	28-23
D. 31	#Wisconsin	W	28-14
	#Music City Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.3 ppg	66
Rushing	184.0 ypg	29
Passing	192.2 ypg	83
Total	376.2 ypg	61

Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.3 ppg	9
Rushing	92.6 ypg	7
Passing	189.0 ypg	23
Total	281.6 ypg	5

TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	57

## Defense

The defense has been a paradox. It was ranked fifth in the nation in total defense, yet Auburn was outscored 80-14 by LSU, Georgia and USC.

Now Auburn must replace five of its front seven defenders, including the two best players in linebackers Karlos Dansby and Dontarrious Thomas. But the lone returning linebacker is special, says linebacker coach Joe Whitt, and that's why he's predicting Travis Williams can put up Dansby-like numbers.

T.J. Jackson, a junior noseguard, will replace DeMarco McNeill, a four-year starter who clogged up the middle and allowed Auburn's linebackers to concentrate on making tackles.

Well-traveled junior college transfer David Irons won a starting cornerback job in spring practice. Irons should help improve a secondary that had just nine interceptions last year. Auburn had 21 the year before.

## Specialists

Kody Bliss was perhaps Auburn's most consistent player last year, which, considering he's a punter, says something about how things went. He's back, at least, and so are the field goal kickers John Vaughn and Philip Yost. Problem is, they hit only 11-of-19 attempts.

## Final Analysis

Auburn started last season with dreams of a national championship but lost its first two games and struggled against good SEC teams. That's one reason why the Tigers turned to Borges, whose track record at California, UCLA and Oregon made him an interesting choice. His style of play is different from most SEC teams, and that could cause defenses some problems. Unlike the last few years, the offense may have to carry an inexperienced defense early. An easier schedule — the Tigers traded USC and Georgia Tech for UL Monroe and The Citadel — also promises to help the cause.

## SEC West Prediction: 2nd



Carnell Williams

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	1 Devin Aromashodu (Jr.)	2 Ben Obomanu (Jr.)
WR	9 Anthony Mix (Jr.)	25 Lee Guess (So.)
WR*	86 Courtney Taylor (So.)	85 Silas Daniels (Sr.)
LT	73 Marcus McNeill (Jr.)	77 King Dunlap (Fr.)
LG	69 Ben Grubbs (So.)	79 Jonathan Palmer (So.)
C	67 Jeremy Ingle (Sr.)	74 Steven Ross (Jr.)
RG	68 Danny Lindsey (Sr.)	71 Jarrod Britt (So.)
RT	66 Troy Reddick (Jr.)	78 Rich Trucks (Sr.)
TE	8 Cooper Wallace (Jr.)	87 Cole Bennett (So.)
QB	17 Jason Campbell (Sr.)	12 Brandon Cox (Fr.)
RB	23 Ronnie Brown (Sr.)	22 Tre Smith (Jr.)
RB	24 Carnell Williams (Sr.)	22 Tre Smith (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	94 Bret Eddins (Sr.)	98 Doug Langenfeld (Sr.)
NG	58 T.J. Jackson (Jr.)	97 Josh Thompson (Fr.)
DT	83 Jay Ratliff (Sr.)	96 Wayne Dickens (Jr.)
DE	75 Stanley McClover (So.)	48 Marquies Gunn (So.)
SLB	40 Kevin Sears (So.)	29 Derrick Graves (Sr.)
MLB	57 Mayo Sowell (So.)	54 Quentin Groves (Fr.)
WLB	51 Travis Williams (Jr.)	31 Antarrrious Williams (Jr.)
CB	14 Carlos Rogers (Sr.)	26 Lamel Ages (Sr.)
CB	3 David Irons (Jr.)	19 Montavis Pitts (So.)
SS	4 Junior Rosegreen (Sr.)	10 Donnay Young (Sr.)
FS	35 Will Herring (So.)	49 Kevin Hobbs (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	37 John Vaughn (So.)	KR	1 Devin Aromashodu (Jr.)
P	30 Kody Bliss (So.)	PR	22 Tre Smith (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Jason Campbell, 293-181-2,267-8, 10 TDs  
Rushing: Carnell Williams, 241 car., 1,307 yds., 17 TDs  
Receiving: Courtney Taylor, 34 rec., 379 yds., 0 TDs  
Tackles: Travis Williams, 67, 24 solo  
Sacks: Bret Eddins, 3.5  
Interceptions: Will Herring, 3 for 0 yds.  
Kevin Hobbs, 3 for 33 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
\*The 12 offensive players represent Auburn's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Tommy Tuberville

2003 Record (SEC): 8-5 (5-3)





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## Offense

The team's biggest issue is quarterback, where third-year sophomore Joel Statham is the leading contender to take the season's first snap. An athletic player with running ability, Statham threw just 25 passes last season, and his three interceptions in the spring game didn't instill confidence in the coaching staff. Don't be surprised if true freshman Jordan Steffy gets a look.

Junior tailback Josh Allen appears set to move into the full-time role at tailback. He rushed for 922 yards sharing time with Bruce Perry last year. Sammy Maldonado, a transfer from Ohio State, averaged 6.0 yards per carry in a reserve role last season. He can be counted on to carry the load if Allen goes down.

Wide receiver will have some new faces, but senior Steve Suter (a two-time All-ACC return specialist) gives the team a top playmaker. He caught 29 passes for 471 yards last season. Derrick Fenner could be primed for a breakout season. He turned 12 receptions into 334 yards for an ACC-best 27.8 yards per catch.

## NUMBERS GAME

**31** Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen has won 31 games in his first three years in College Park. Since the turn of the century (the 20th century) only two coaches have won more games in their first three seasons — Miami's Larry Coker (35) and Oklahoma's Barry Switzer (32).

Center Kyle Schmitt and All-ACC guard C.J. Brooks will lead a unit that has been a pleasant surprise in each of Ralph Friedgen's seasons. Brooks, who has started all 37 games in his career, should vie for All-America honors. Schmitt, an honorable mention All-ACC pick, was the Terps' highest-graded lineman in 2003.

## Defense

Senior Kevin Eli, whose career had mostly been an afterthought until he was pressed into

service midway through last season, earned second-team All-ACC honors with 5.5 sacks. "He wasn't even going to come back and use (his final season of eligibility)," Friedgen says. "He's already graduated. Now he's back and being a leader."

The linebackers will be the unit's strength, led by Shawne Merriman, who has big-play ability on every down. D'Qwell Jackson returns at middle linebacker. Tall and hard-hitting William Kershaw is penciled in at the weak-side linebacker.

Cornerback Domonique Foxworth, a two-time All-ACC pick, excels in coverage. Unfortunately, he's the only returning starter in the secondary. Senior Rueben Haigler could start at the other corner, but of more concern are the safety spots, where seniors Chris Kelley and Ray Custis are untested and sure to be challenged.

## Specialists

The special teams, with every key player returning, should be a strength. Kicker Nick Novak, a two-time first-team All-ACC selection, has excellent range and consistency and is strong on kickoffs. Punter Adam Podlesh was second-team All-ACC as a redshirt freshman.

Suter has six punt returns for TDs, one shy of the NCAA career record.

## Final Analysis

In a short amount of time, Friedgen led the Terrapins from the conference basement to its upper echelon, a notch behind Florida State. Staying there might be difficult, however, with the additions of Miami and Virginia Tech in the ACC's football-driven expansion.

But Friedgen believes his alma mater can continue to compete at the highest of levels. And with 31 wins in three years, it's hard to doubt him. "I try to look at each year's team, what their potential will allow; that's all you can expect," Friedgen says. "I think the precedent (of 10 victories) has been set. Our kids look at that as a benchmark."

## ACC Prediction: 4th



Steve Suter

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	83 Derrick Fenner (Jr.)	89 Drew Weatherly (So.)
WR	34 Steve Suter (Sr.)	85 Dan Melendez (Jr.)
SL*	22 Rich Parson (Sr.)	9 Jo Jo Walker (Jr.)
LT	70 Stephon Heyer (Jr.)	78 Ryan Flynn (Sr.)
LG	74 C.J. Brooks (Sr.)	77 Russell Bonham (Jr.)
C	72 Kyle Schmitt (Sr.)	68 Ryan McDonald (Jr.)
RG	63 Andrew Crumme (Fr.)	69 Donnie Woods (Fr.)
RT	79 Lou Lombardo (Sr.)	58 Brandon Nixon (Fr.)
TE	84 Derek Miller (Jr.)	87 Vernon Davis (So.)
QB	16 Joel Statham (So.)	14 Sam Hollenbach (So.)
FB	5 Ricardo Dickerson (Jr.)	40 Maurice Smith (Sr.)
TB	33 Josh Allen (Jr.)	29 Sammy Maldonado (Sr.)

### Defense (4)

DE	41 Kevin Eli (Sr.)	98 Omarr Savage (Fr.)
NT	91 Rob Armstrong (So.)	64 Justin Duffie (Jr.)
DT	95 Conrad Bolston (So.)	92 Dre Moore (Fr.)
LEO	45 Shawne Merriman (Jr.)	47 Jon Condo (Sr.)
SLB	59 David Holloway (So.)	51 Eric Lenz (Fr.)
MLB	52 D'Qwell Jackson (Jr.)	27 Tim Cesa (Fr.)
WLB	48 William Kershaw (Jr.)	35 Wesley Jefferson (Fr.)
CB	17 Rueben Haigler (Sr.)	38 Gerrick McPhearson (Jr.)
CB	6 Domonique Foxworth (Sr.)	24 Chris Varner (Fr.)
SS	2 Chris Kelley (Sr.)	12 Marcus Wimbush (So.)
FS	26 Raymond Custis (Sr.)	Richard Taylor (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	46 Nick Novak (Sr.)	KR	34 Steve Suter (Sr.)
P	36 Adam Podlesh (So.)	PR	34 Steve Suter (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Joel Statham, 25-12-156-1, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Josh Allen, 186 car., 922 yds., 8 TDs  
**Receiving:** Steve Suter, 29 rec., 471 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** D'Qwell Jackson, 132, 87 solo  
**Sacks:** Shawne Merriman, 8.5  
**Interceptions:** Domonique Foxworth, 3 for 64 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive players reflect Maryland's multiple formations.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Northern Illinois	W
S. 11	Temple	W
S. 18	at West Virginia	*
S. 25	at Duke	W
O. 9	Georgia Tech	W
O. 16	NC State	W
O. 23	at Clemson	*
O. 30	Florida State	L
N. 6	at Virginia	*
N. 18	at Virginia Tech	*
N. 27	Wake Forest	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	at Northern Illinois	L	13-20
S. 6	at Florida State	L	10-35
S. 13	The Citadel	W	61-0
S. 20	West Virginia	W	34-7
S. 27	at Eastern Mich.	W	37-13
O. 4	Clemson	W	21-7
O. 11	Duke	W	33-20
O. 23	at Georgia Tech	L	3-7
N. 1	North Carolina	W	59-21
N. 13	Virginia	W	27-17
N. 22	at NC State	W	26-24
N. 29	at Wake Forest	W	41-28
J. 1	#West Virginia	W	41-7
	#Gator Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.2 ppg	27
Rushing	191.3 ypg	24
Passing	230.4 ypg	44
Total	421.7 ypg	28
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.8 ppg	6
Rushing	129.4 ypg	31
Passing	179.0 ypg	12
Total	308.4 ypg	15
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	57

Head Coach: Ralph Friedgen

2003 Record (ACC): 10-3 (6-2)



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A23 Pre Season Game of Yr:	Bills (-2) Rams	28-24 W
S13 Granddaddy Favorite of Yr:	Oregon (-11 1/2) Arizona	48-10 W
O19 NFL Upset of Yr:	Chargers (+5 1/2) Browns	26-20 W
N 8 Revenge Game of Yr:	Stanford (+2) Ariz St	38-27 W
N30 NFL Play of Yr:	Bears (-4 1/2) Cardinals	28-3 W
D20 NFL Totals Play of Yr:	Ravens/Steelers under 38	13-10 W
D30 Bowl Totals of the Yr:	Wash St/Texas under 58	28-20 W
J 2 Bowl Game of Yr:	Clemson (+4 1/2) Tennessee	27-14 W
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## Offense

Wisconsin has significantly expanded its playbook since the late 1990s, when tailback Ron Dayne smashed school and NCAA rushing records behind a mammoth offensive line.

Last season, the Badgers gained more yards passing than rushing (2,833-2,301). The evolution should continue in 2004. Yet with record-setting wide receiver Lee Evans gone to the NFL and sophomore John Stocco leading a quarterback corps that is as green as it has ever been in Barry Alvarez's 14 seasons at UW, don't be surprised to see the scales tip back in favor of the running game.

"We feel like the offensive line will be the strength of our team and allow us to do an awful lot of things," offensive coordinator Brian White says. "They are a very intelligent group. They are physical."

If a slightly revamped offensive line performs well and senior tailback Anthony Davis remains healthy, UW's offense should flourish this season. Davis rushed for 3,021 yards and 24 touchdowns in his first two seasons but missed five full games and part of four others last season because of persistent ankle injuries. Dwayne Smith and Booker Stanley played well in relief but Davis is a big-play back that a team needs to be great. He's healthy and hungry to go out on top.

## NUMBERS GAME

**13** Since winning back-to-back Big Ten titles in 1998 and '99, the Badgers have won just 13 conference games over the last four seasons.

## Defense

First-year defensive coordinator Bret Bielema has concise goals for the defense: to finish in the top three of the Big Ten in scoring defense, rushing defense, third-down percentage and turnovers forced. "If you're in the top three in those four categories," he says, "you have a very good chance to win the title."

The line, anchored by tackles Anttaj Hawthorne and Jason Jefferson, could be strong. It could be special if ends Erasmus James (hip) and Darius Jones (knee) return from injuries. The secondary, led by cornerback Scott Starks and free safety Jim Leonhard, should be solid.

The big question mark is at linebacker, where junior LaMarr Watkins is the only player with any significant experience.

## Specialists

Inconsistency has plagued Wisconsin's special teams, particularly the kickers, and it remains unclear whether this season will bring any significant change. The good news is that Leonhard is a sure-handed, dangerous punt-returner, and senior Mike Allen made 75 percent of his field goals last season. The bad news is that a hip injury limited Allen to just 12 attempts, and he doesn't possess an overpowering leg. Look for freshman Taylor Mehlhaff to handle kickoffs and long field goals.

Punter R.J. Morse must sharpen his game. He had almost as many touchbacks (11) as punts downed inside the 20-yard line (15).

## Final Analysis

If Davis remains healthy, the Badgers could contend for their first Big Ten title since 1999. If the ankle injuries that hampered Davis in 2003 resurface, forget any title talk. Davis rushed for 414 yards in the first two games but suffered the first injury in Week 3 and finished the season with just 682 yards on 116 carries. A healthy Davis will force defenses to commit more defenders near the line of scrimmage, which will open the passing game and take pressure off the inexperienced quarterbacks. Bielema appears to be a more flexible and innovative defensive coordinator than his predecessor, Kevin Cosgrove. However, his projected starters at linebacker combined for only four starts and 42 total tackles last season.

## Big Ten Prediction: 4th



Anthony Davis

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

WR	9 Jonathan Orr (Jr.)	87 Darrin Charles (Sr.)
WR	25 Brandon Williams (Jr.)	8 Brandon White (Jr.)
LT	72 Joe Thomas (So.)	64 Danny Kaye (Fr.)
LG	67 Dan Buenning (Sr.)	76 Matt Lawrence (Jr.)
C	53 Donovan Raiola (Jr.)	52 Jason Palermo (Jr.)
RG	50 Jonathan Clinkscale (Sr.)	78 Jake Wood (Jr.)
RT	75 Morgan Davis (Sr.)	61 Mike Lorenz (Sr.)
TE	85 Tony Paciotti (Sr.)	84 Jason Pociask (Jr.)
QB	2 John Stocco (So.)	12 Tyler Donovan (Fr.)
FB	45 Matt Bernstein (Jr.)	37 Greg Root (Jr.)
TB	28 Anthony Davis (Sr.)	32 Booker Stanley (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE	98 Darius Jones (Sr.)	90 Erasmus James (Sr.)
DT	77 Anttaj Hawthorne (Sr.)	99 Justin Ostrowski (Fr.)
DT	74 Jason Jefferson (Sr.)	58 Calvin Barrett (Sr.)
DE	92 Jonathan Welsh (Sr.)	96 Jamal Cooper (Fr.)
SLB	41 Mark Zalewski (So.)	23 Paul Joran (So.)
MLB	15 Reggie Cribbs (So.)	47 Elliot Goode (Jr.)
WLB	24 LaMarr Watkins (Jr.)	14 Dontez Sanders (Jr.)
CB	2 Scott Starks (Sr.)	21 Levonne Rowan (Jr.)
CB	6 Brett Bell (Jr.)	30 Jameson Davis (Fr.)
SS	42 Robert Brooks (Sr.)	36 Johnny White (So.)
FS	18 Jim Leonhard (Sr.)	22 Roderick Rogers (So.)

### Special Teams

K	99 Mike Allen (Sr.)	KR	25 Brandon Williams (Jr.)
P	31 R.J. Morse (Sr.)	PR	18 Jim Leonhard (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Matt Schabert, 65-33-441-4, 1 TD

Rushing: Dwayne Smith, 165 car., 857 yds., 9 TDs

Receiving: Brandon Williams, 49 rec., 649 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Jim Leonhard, 98, 63 solo

Sacks: Jonathan Welsh, 8

Interceptions: Jim Leonhard, 7 for 98 yds.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	UCF	W
S. 11	UNLV	W
S. 18	at Arizona	W
S. 25	Penn State	W
O. 2	Illinois	W
O. 9	at Ohio State	L
O. 16	at Purdue	*
O. 23	Northwestern	W
N. 6	Minnesota	*
N. 13	at Michigan State	W
N. 20	at Iowa	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at West Virginia	W	24-17
S. 6	Akron	W	48-31
S. 13	UNLV	L	5-23
S. 20	North Carolina	W	38-27
S. 27	at Illinois	W	38-20
O. 4	at Penn State	W	30-23
O. 11	Ohio State	W	17-10
O. 18	Purdue	L	23-26
O. 25	at Northwestern	L	7-16
N. 8	at Minnesota	L	34-37
N. 15	Michigan State	W	56-21
N. 22	Iowa	L	21-27
D. 31	#Auburn	L	14-28
	#Music City Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.3 ppg	58
Rushing	177.0 ypg	37
Passing	217.9 ypg	59
Total	394.9 ypg	41
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.5 ppg	50
Rushing	142.0 ypg	48
Passing	213.4 ypg	49
Total	355.4 ypg	43
TD Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.23	74

Head Coach: Barry Alvarez

2003 Record (Big Ten): 7-6 (4-4)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters





## Offense

Last fall, Derek Anderson became only the second Pac-10 quarterback to throw for more than 4,000 yards in a single season, but he must reduce his staggering total of 24 interceptions and become more adept at spreading the ball around. "The transition from one philosophy to another is the hardest on the quarterback, and I thought Derek grew into the system," coach Mike Riley says. Over the last five games, Anderson's touchdown-to-interception ratio was 13-to-8.

Senior Dwight Wright, sophomore Ryan Cole and redshirt freshman Yvenson Bernard will replace Steven Jackson, the Pac-10's top rusher in 2002 and 2003.

## NUMBERS GAME

**15** The Beavers blocked 15 kicks in 1997-98 under special teams coordinator Bruce Read, who has returned for the 2004 season after five years in the NFL. OSU blocked only 14 over the previous five seasons.

Junior receiver Mike Hass established himself as a threat in 2003 with a breakout season (44-1,013, seven TDs). But Anderson's other four primary targets departed, so holdovers Cole Clasen, George Gillett and Joe Newton or incoming wideouts Kevin Swanigan or Marcel Love must make a major impact if OSU's passing game is to remain effective.

The center and right side of the offensive line are solid with returning two-year starters Matt Brock, Kanan Sanchez and Doug Nienhuis, although Sanchez was suspended during the spring his availability for the fall is uncertain. Anderson's blind side will be protected by two first-year starters.

## Defense

Senior right end Bill Swancutt is an All-America candidate, and sophomore left tackle

Ben Siegert started every game and made the Pac-10 All-Freshman team. But big questions exist at left end and right tackle. Junior Sir Henry Anderson has been injury-prone and has not yet lived up to his immense potential. Ends Brandon Scales, Joe Lemma and Naymon Frank are quick and game but undersized.

Oregon State's tradition of linebacking excellence could be furthered by senior weak-side backer Jonathan Pollard. He had 50 tackles in 2003 as a first-time starter.

Starters return at cornerback (Brandon Browner and Aric Williams) and strong safety (Mitch Meeuwssen). Browner was the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year and a Freshman All-American.

## Specialists

OSU will have new starters at every position and a new coordinator in veteran Bruce Read, who reprises a role he filled in 1997-98. The coverage and return units were sorely lacking in 2003, so he has his work cut out for him. Transfer Sam Paulescu was the country's top junior college punter in 2003. Record-setting kicker Kirk Yliniemi will be succeeded by either junior John Dailey or redshirt freshman Alexis Serna.

## Final Analysis

In dropping Temple and adding defending BCS national champion LSU, the Beavers traded a near-certain win for a major uphill battle in one of college football's toughest venues.

The Beavers must develop playmakers at running back, wide receiver, defensive tackle, linebacker, safety and in the kicking game.

Oregon State finished in the top three in the Pac-10 against the run in each of the past two seasons, and if they can keep that streak going the Beavers could be solid defensively.

The schedule is demanding, but if the Beavers can hold serve at home and steal two or three road games, an upper-level bowl is possible.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 3rd



Brandon Browner

Tom Trickett

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

SE	28 Mike Hass (Jr.)	3 Josh Hawkins (Jr.)
FL	6 George Gillett (Sr.)	Kevin Swanigan (Jr.)
SL	9 Cole Clasen (Sr.)	Marcel Love (Jr.)
LT	61 Adam Koets (So.)	Chris Miller (Jr.)
LG	74 Jason Fyda (Jr.)	78 Kyle DeVan (Fr.)
C	73 Matt Brock (Sr.)	58 Brent Bridges (Sr.)
RG	55 Kanan Sanchez (Sr.)	67 Roy Schuening (Fr.)
RT	65 Doug Nienhuis (Sr.)	69 Josh Linehan (So.)
TE	89 Joe Newton (So.)	88 Pat Loney (Sr.)
QB	14 Derek Anderson (Sr.)	10 Ryan Gunderson (Fr.)
TB	29 Dwight Wright (Sr.)	33 Ryan Cole (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	96 Brandon Scales (So.)	27 Joe Lemma (So.)
DT	97 Ben Siegert (So.)	92 Alvin Smith (Jr.)
DT	95 Sir Henry Anderson (Jr.)	93 Derek Hall (Jr.)
DE	90 Bill Swancutt (Sr.)	99 Joe Rudolph (Fr.)
SLB	21 Chaz Scott (Jr.)	50 Seth Lacey (Sr.)
MLB	44 Trent Bray (Jr.)	41 Kevin Davidson (Sr.)
WLB	40 Jonathan Pollard (Sr.)	Keith Ellison (Jr.)
CB	8 Aric Williams (Sr.)	15 Kellen Marshall (So.)
CB	39 Brandon Browner (So.)	9 Gerard Lawson (Fr.)
SS	24 Sabby Piscitelli (So.)	10 Anthony Wheat-Brown (Fr.)
FS	5 Mitch Meeuwssen (Sr.)	6 Harvey Whiten (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	19 John Dailey (Jr.)	KR	3 Harvey Whiten (Jr.)
P	Sam Paulescu (Jr.)	PR	9 Cole Clasen (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Derek Anderson, 510-261-4,058-24, 24 TDs  
**Rushing:** Dwight Wright, 89 car., 350 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Mike Hass, 44 rec., 1,013 yds., 7 TDs  
**Tackles:** Trent Bray, 76, 51 solo  
**Sacks:** Bill Swancutt, 11  
**Interceptions:** Mitch Meeuwssen, 6 for 89 yds.  
 Brandon Browner, 6 for 74 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at LSU	L
S. 11	at Boise State	W
S. 18	New Mexico	W
S. 25	at Arizona State	W
O. 2	California	*
O. 16	at Washington	W
O. 23	Washington State	W
O. 30	at Arizona	W
N. 6	USC	L
N. 13	at Stanford	W
N. 20	Oregon	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Sacramento State	W	40-7
S. 5	at Fresno State	L	14-16
S. 13	New Mexico State	W	28-16
S. 20	Boise State	W	26-24
S. 27	Arizona State	W	45-17
O. 4	at California	W	35-21
O. 18	Washington	L	17-38
O. 25	at Wash. State	L	30-36
N. 1	Arizona	W	52-23
N. 15	Stanford	W	43-3
N. 22	at Oregon	L	20-34
D. 6	at USC	L	28-52
D. 24	#New Mexico	W	55-14
	#Las Vegas Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.3 ppg	22
Rushing	134.9 ypg	75
Passing	328.1 ypg	6
Total	463.0 ypg	10
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.2 ppg	46
Rushing	84.4 ypg	4
Passing	204.3 ypg	37
Total	288.7 ypg	7
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.62	101

Head Coach: Mike Riley

2003 Record (Pac-10): 8-5 (4-4)



## Offense

Any similarity to Nebraska's offense over the last 30-plus years is strictly coincidental. Well, that's not exactly true. But coach Bill Callahan has made sweeping changes, replacing the Cornhuskers' ground-oriented attack with the West Coast offense. "I can't make any guarantees the ball will be flying through the air 60 times a game," he says. But Nebraska will throw a lot more than it has in the past.

The Cornhuskers' success will depend not only on an inexperienced quarterback, with Joe Dailey topping the list, but also on a revamped line, built around Richie Incognito, a first-team, all-conference left tackle who has been moved to center to control the point of attack.

The receiving corps is long on talent but short on depth. Tight end Matt Herian can stretch the field, as can wide receiver Isaiah Fluellen, who has been hampered by hamstring problems. Wide receiver Ross Pilkington is well-suited to Callahan's system and isn't afraid to go over the middle.

Cory Ross has proven himself among a commitment of running backs.

## Defense

Despite a third coordinator in as many seasons, defense is Nebraska's strength. And it will need to be, particularly early in the season as the new offense strives for consistency.

### NUMBERS GAME

**4** Bill Callahan is only the fourth head coach at Nebraska since 1962. And each of the previous three won nine games in his first season.

Le Kevin Smith, Titus Adams and Benard Thomas anchor the front, which is potentially deep if highly regarded youngsters such as Adam Carriker develop as expected. A breakout senior season for Thomas, who was heralded out of high school, would be helpful in applying

the pressure to allow the secondary to again control the airways. The Cornhuskers led the nation in 2003 in pass efficiency defense. They also led the nation in turnover margin and interceptions, with free safety Josh Bullocks accounting for a school-record 10 picks. Fabian Washington is a proven lockdown corner, and Daniel Bullocks is a run stopper at strong safety. If nickel back Lornell McPherson can hold up as an every-down corner, the first four will be as good as any. Depth is a concern, however.

Linebacker Barrett Ruud is a playmaker in the middle. But there is inexperience on either side of him.

## Specialists

Although Callahan is looking to turn red-zone opportunities into touchdowns instead of field goals, David Dyches does give him the luxury of a proven placekicker.

All-America punter Kyle Larson will be missed, but Sam Koch has a strong leg, as evidenced by his emergence from walk-on anonymity to handle kickoffs.

Returns are a question because of inexperience rather than ability. The Cornhuskers have several young players with speed.

## Final Analysis

With new offensive and defensive systems, Callahan's first Nebraska team is a work in progress. The situation at several positions remains fluid, and there is still much to accomplish during pre-season practice. Settling on a quarterback is crucial, and the offensive line will have to develop around Incognito. That will take some time and put a greater burden on the defense, the most experienced part of the team.

The schedule sets up well, with a chance to build momentum before traveling to Kansas State, and later to Oklahoma. Despite the potential for inconsistency, the Cornhuskers should be able to make a run, or pass, at the Big 12 championship game.

## Big 12 North Prediction: 3rd



Josh Bullocks

Scott Bruhn

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	10 Mark LeFlore (Jr.)	28 Isaiah Fluellen (So.)
WR	2 Ross Pilkington (Jr.)	27 Willie Amos (Sr.)
LT	67 Darren DeLone (Sr.)	69 Nick Povendo (Sr.)
LG	75 Brandon Koch (Jr.)	56 Gary Pike (Jr.)
C	51 Richie Incognito (Jr.)	64 Kurt Mann (So.)
RG	71 Jake Andersen (Sr.)	73 Jared Helming (Jr.)
RT	77 Seppo Ewvaraye (Jr.)	78 Mike Erickson (Sr.)
TE	11 Matt Herian (Jr.)	47 Dusty Keiser (Sr.)
QB	12 Joe Dailey (So.)	Jordan Adams (So.)
FB	45 Steve Kriewald (Sr.)	41 Dane Todd (So.)
RB	4 Cory Ross (Jr.)	9 David Horne (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	5 Benard Thomas (Sr.)	44 Jay Moore (So.)
DT	66 Le Kevin Smith (Jr.)	99 Brandon Greeson (So.)
DT	96 Titus Adams (Jr.)	74 Brandon Teamer (So.)
DE	90 Adam Carriker (So.)	57 Wali Muhammad (Jr.)
SLB	34 Stewart Bradley (So.)	51 Bo Ruud (Fr.)
MLB	38 Barrett Ruud (Sr.)	11 Ira Cooper (Sr.)
WLB	54 Chad Sievers (Sr.)	17 Mark Brungardt (So.)
CB	3 Fabian Washington (Jr.)	6 Donald DeFrاند (Jr.)
CB	1 Lornell McPherson (Sr.)	29 Kellen Huston (Sr.)
FS	20 Josh Bullocks (Jr.)	8 Andrew Shanle (So.)
SS	14 Daniel Bullocks (Jr.)	23 Shane Siegel (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	27 David Dyches (So.)	KR	4 Cory Ross (Jr.)
P	37 Sam Koch (Jr.)	PR	27 Willie Amos (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Joe Dailey, 14-9-117-2, 2 TDs

Rushing: Cory Ross, 130 car., 575 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Matt Herian, 22 rec., 484 yds., 3 TDs

Ross Pilkington, 22 rec., 338 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Barrett Ruud, 149, 71 solo

Sacks: Barrett Ruud, 2.5

Interceptions: Josh Bullocks, 10 for 154 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD Indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Western Illinois	W
S. 11	Southern Miss	W
S. 18	at Pittsburgh	W
O. 2	Kansas	W
O. 9	at Texas Tech	W
O. 16	Baylor	W
O. 23	at Kansas State	L
O. 30	Missouri	*
N. 6	at Iowa State	W
N. 13	at Oklahoma	L
N. 26	Colorado	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Oklahoma State	W 17-7
S. 6	Utah State	W 31-7
S. 13	Penn State	W 18-10
S. 25	at Southern Miss	W 38-14
O. 4	Troy State	W 30-0
O. 11	at Missouri	L 24-41
O. 18	Texas A&M	W 48-12
O. 25	Iowa State	W 28-0
N. 1	at Texas	L 7-31
N. 8	at Kansas	W 24-3
N. 15	Kansas State	L 9-38
N. 28	at Colorado	W 31-22
D. 29	#Michigan State	W 17-3
	#Alamo Bowl	

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.8 ppg	74
Rushing	235.6 ypg	7
Passing	109.4 ypg	114
Total	345.0 ypg	83
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.5 ppg	2
Rushing	119.3 ypg	24
Passing	177.9 ypg	11
Total	297.2 ypg	11
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+23	+1.77	1

Head Coach: Bill Callahan

2003 Record (Big 12): 10-3 (5-3)



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## Offense

This is about as stereotypical as it gets in the Big Ten. When you think about college football in the Midwest, it's hard to not think about pounding the ball on the ground. That's exactly what Minnesota is going to do this season. Marion Barber III is going to get the ball. Last season's Big Ten Freshman of the Year Laurence Maroney is going to get the ball. And a veteran and talented offensive line is going to open holes for this duo that combined for 2,317 yards in 2003.

Nothing flashy. Nothing fancy.

It's a good thing the Gophers are so loaded at running back, since Minnesota enters this season without any experience at quarterback. While Asad Abdul-Khaliq wasn't embraced by Minnesota fans, he finished his career as the school record-holder in total offense and passing touchdowns. His successor likely won't be determined until at some point in fall camp, but it will almost certainly be either Bryan Cupito or Adam Ernst. Cupito, a redshirt sophomore, enters fall camp with more experience, and the Gophers' coaches like his accuracy. Ernst is a junior college transfer who began his career at California.

Whoever wins the derby has to make good throws and take advantage of mismatches when teams line up to stop the run.

Led by center Greg Eslinger, the Gophers return five linemen who started at least six games last season.

## NUMBERS GAME

**36** Minnesota has won 36 games over the past five seasons. The Gophers had never won that many games in a five-year span in school history. The previous best was 35 victories between 1934-38.

## Defense

Mason's goals for his defense are three-fold. He wants to create more pressure on the oppo-

sition's quarterback; he wants to force more turnovers; and he wants his players to attack rather than react.

In an attempt to increase a low sack total of 26, two defensive linemen have switched positions. Darrell Reid, a former tackle, has switched spots with Mark Losli, a former end. It was a move the Gophers toyed with before the Sun Bowl and made permanent in spring practice. Reid is the quicker of the two and Mason says Losli essentially outgrew the end position.

While there will be some new faces at linebacker and in the defensive backfield, the Gophers' coaches don't seem overly concerned. That's because this group has much more speed than Minnesota defenses of the past.

Mason hopes that increased athleticism will lead to the Gophers forcing more than the 16 turnovers they created a year ago.

## Specialists

Because he wasn't eligible until shortly before the Gophers' opener last season, Rhys Lloyd was one of the team's biggest surprises. His extremely strong leg produced a pair of game-winning field goals. He will again handle Minnesota's punting and kicking.

While many teams have return specialists, Mason considers special teams important enough to use his best players. That means Barber and/or Maroney will handle the bulk of the punt and kickoff returns.

## Final Analysis

There is nothing more important for the Gophers than finding a quarterback who can run the offense. It doesn't really matter if Cupito gets the job or if it's Ernst, but someone has to get the job done. Because as good as the Gophers' running back duo of Barber and Maroney is, the lack of a confident quarterback could be the difference between contending for a Jan. 1 bowl game or returning someplace like El Paso or Nashville.

## Big Ten Prediction: 5th



Marion Barber III

Allen Kuo

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	83 Jared Ellerson (Jr.)	39 Mark Jundt (So.)
WR	2 Paris Hamilton (Sr.)	7 Jakari Wallace (Jr.)
SR	33 Logan Payne (So.)	1 Keith Matthews (Sr.)
LT	74 Rian Melander (Sr.)	73 Brian Moss (So.)
LG	68 Mark Setterstrom (Jr.)	63 Brian Goblrisk (So.)
C	61 Greg Eslinger (Jr.)	56 Tyson Swaggert (So.)
RG	66 Brandon Harston (Sr.)	62 Josh Brenny (So.)
RT	78 Joe Ainslie (So.)	60 Mike Nicholson (Jr.)
TE	89 Matt Spaeth (So.)	81 Jarod Posthumus (Jr.)
QB	3 Bryan Cupito (So.)	13 Adam Ernst (Jr.)
FB	18 Justin Valentine (Fr.)	42 Jason Lamers (So.)
TB	21 Marion Barber III (Jr.)	22 Laurence Maroney (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE	90 Eric Clark (So.)	37 Chris Holden (So.)
DT	97 Mark Losli (Jr.)	99 Keith Lipka (Jr.)
NT	95 Anthony Montgomery (Jr.)	98 Neel Allen (Fr.)
DE	51 Darrell Reid (Sr.)	94 Maurice Buchanan (So.)
LB	58 Terrance Campbell (Jr.)	46 John Shevlin (Fr.)
LB	52 Kyle McKenzie (Jr.)	43 Brian Smith (Sr.)
LB	48 Mario Reese (So.)	5 Dominique Sims (Sr.)
CB	25 Uke Dozier (Sr.)	35 Mike Wojciechowski (Sr.)
CB	4 Trumaine Banks (So.)	15 Jamal Harris (Fr.)
SS	12 Justin Fraley (Sr.)	30 Johnathan Richmond (Sr.)
FS	34 John Pawlowski (Jr.)	32 Brandon Owens (So.)

### Specialists

K	16 Rhys Lloyd (Sr.)	KR	21 Marion Barber III (Jr.)
P	16 Rhys Lloyd (Sr.)	PR	21 Marion Barber III (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Marion Barber III, 1-1-15-0, 0 TDs

Rushing: Marion Barber III, 207 car., 1,196 yds., 17 TDs

Receiving: Jared Ellerson, 44 rec., 909 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Terrance Campbell, 87, 57 solo

Sacks: Darrell Reid, 5.5

Interceptions: Justin Fraley, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Toledo	W
S. 11	Illinois State	W
S. 18	at Colorado State	W
S. 25	Northwestern	W
O. 2	Penn State	W
O. 9	at Michigan	L
O. 16	at Michigan State	W
O. 23	Illinois	W
O. 30	at Indiana	W
N. 6	at Wisconsin	*
N. 13	Iowa	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Tulsa	W	49-10
S. 6	Troy State	W	48-7
S. 13	at Ohio	W	42-20
S. 20	La.-Lafayette	W	48-14
S. 27	at Penn State	W	20-14
O. 4	at Northwestern	W	42-17
O. 10	Michigan	L	35-38
O. 18	Michigan State	L	38-44
O. 25	at Illinois	W	36-10
N. 1	Indiana	W	55-7
N. 8	Wisconsin	W	37-34
N. 15	at Iowa	L	22-40
D. 31	#Oregon	W	31-30

#Sun Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.7 ppg	7
Rushing	289.2 ypg	3
Passing	205.5 ypg	72
Total	494.6 ypg	4
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	35
Rushing	122.7 ypg	26
Passing	217.7 ypg	55
Total	340.4 ypg	34
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	65

Head Coach: Glen Mason

2003 Record (Big Ten): 10-3 (5-3)



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## Offense

If only Matt Schaub had another year of eligibility, the Cavaliers would potentially have one of the top offenses in the country. Even without Schaub at quarterback, Virginia should be very good. Whoever wins the job — junior Marques Hagans is the frontrunner — will have a number of weapons at his disposal. Tailback Wali Lundy ran for 929 yards last year. His backup, Alvin Pearman, ran for 643 and caught 63 passes.

Heath Miller, nicknamed "Big Money" by his teammates, is one of the best tight ends in the country. The receiving corps will benefit from the return of Michael McGrew, who missed last season with a broken leg, and the continued development of sophomores Fontel Mines and Deyon Williams.

The offensive line appears poised for a breakout year. For the first time in three years, Virginia won't have a freshman starting. Guard Elton Brown was voted the top blocker in the ACC last year by the conference's defensive coordinators.

The question is how much Virginia tweaks the offense to suit Hagans' talents, assuming he wins the job. Sophomores Anthony Martinez and Chris Olsen, a transfer from Notre Dame, are also in the mix.

## NUMBERS GAME

**4** Virginia snapped a four-game losing streak to state rival Virginia Tech last year, its second-longest losing streak in the series, which dates back to 1895.

## Defense

Virginia lost just one starter from its front seven, and the Cavaliers' linebacking corps should be among the best in the country.

It starts with a pair of standout inside linebackers, sophomores Ahmad Brooks and Kai Parham. Brooks, the National Defensive Player

of the Year as a high school senior, was as good as advertised last year. Darryl Blackstock, who has 16 sacks in two seasons, holds down one outside spot.

Virginia plays a 3-4 alignment. All three linemen return, led by defensive end Chris Canty, who has led ACC linemen in tackles the past two seasons.

The secondary will be young, but faster and more athletic than a year ago. Tony Franklin, a converted running back, grew into a solid cover cornerback by season's end. Safety Jermaine Hardy, a sure tackler, had off-season knee surgery but is expected to be ready by opening day.

## Specialists

Groh calls Connor Hughes the best returning placekicker in the country. Hughes made 23-of-25 field goals last year, including three from beyond 50 yards. He was also perfect on 40 extra point attempts. Punter Tom Hagan left the team to concentrate on baseball. Kurt Korte will get first crack at the job, though he could be challenged by freshman Chris Gould.

## Final Analysis

Virginia should be better this year, but with Miami and Virginia Tech joining the conference, so should the ACC. An obvious key will be quarterback. With Hagans at the controls, the Cavaliers might not throw the ball as much as in years past. But with a solid group of running backs and a veteran offensive line, they shouldn't have to. The defense should be faster and more physically imposing than a year ago, when Virginia was prone to giving up big plays.

Virginia's non-conference schedule is not overly taxing, with Syracuse and Akron at home and Temple on the road. But the conference slate should be a bear with both Miami and Florida State on the schedule. Even so, Virginia has the talent to play with anyone in the conference and should be in the race for a BCS bowl.

## ACC Prediction: 5th



Wali Lundy

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	80 Michael McGrew (Sr.)	82 Deyon Williams (So.)
WR	83 Ottowa Anderson (Sr.)	84 Fontel Mines (So.)
LT	66 D'Brickshaw Ferguson (Jr.)	92 Gordie Sammis (So.)
LG	77 Ian Yates Cunningham (So.)	62 Brian Barthelmes (Jr.)
C	75 Zac Yarbrough (Sr.)	63 Jordy Lipsey (Fr.)
RG	61 Elton Brown (Sr.)	64 Ron Darden (So.)
RT	69 Brad Butler (Jr.)	71 Eddie Pinigis (Fr.)
TE	89 Heath Miller (Jr.)	87 Patrick Estes (Sr.)
QB	18 Marques Hagans (Jr.)	11 Chris Olsen (So.)
FB	38 Jason Snelling (So.)	32 Brandon Isaiiah (Sr.)
TB	33 Wali Lundy (Jr.)	21 Alvin Pearman (Sr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	95 Chris Canty (Sr.)	98 Kwakou Robinson (Jr.)
NT	60 Andrew Hoffman (Sr.)	54 Melvin Massey (Jr.)
DE	96 Brennan Schmidt (Jr.)	99 Chris Johnson (Fr.)
OLB	56 Darryl Blackstock (Jr.)	58 Jon Thompson (Sr.)
ILB	44 Kai Parham (So.)	53 Rich Bedesem (Sr.)
ILB	34 Ahmad Brooks (So.)	59 Bryan White (Sr.)
OLB	45 Dennis Haley (Sr.)	55 Vince Redd (So.)
CB	3 Marcus Hamilton (So.)	Phillip Brown (Fr.)
CB	23 Tony Franklin (So.)	26 Shannon Lane (Fr.)
S	36 Jermaine Hardy (Sr.)	42 Lance Evans
S	5 Marquis Weeks (Sr.)	20 Robbie Catterton (So.)

### Special Teams

K	6 Connor Hughes (Jr.)	KR	23 Tony Franklin (So.)
P	15 Kurt Korte (Jr.)	PR	21 Alvin Pearman (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Marques Hagans, 26-17-218-0, 3 TDs

Rushing: Wali Lundy, 227 car., 929 yds., 10 TDs

Receiving: Heath Miller, 70 rec., 835 yds., 6 TDs

Tackles: Ahmad Brooks, 117, 68 solo

Sacks: Darryl Blackstock, 6

Interceptions: Tony Franklin, 2 for 45 yds.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Temple	W
S. 11	North Carolina	W
S. 18	Akron	W
S. 25	Syracuse	W
O. 7	Clemson	*
O. 16	at Florida State	L
O. 23	at Duke	W
N. 6	Maryland	*
N. 13	Miami	L
N. 20	at Georgia Tech	W
N. 27	at Virginia Tech	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Duke	W	27-0
S. 6	at S. Carolina	L	7-31
S. 13	at W. Michigan	W	59-16
S. 27	Wake Forest	W	27-24
O. 4	at N. Carolina	W	38-13
O. 11	at Clemson	(ot) L	27-30
O. 18	Florida State	L	14-19
O. 25	Troy State	W	24-0
N. 1	at NC State	L	37-51
N. 13	at Maryland	L	17-27
N. 22	Georgia Tech	W	29-17
N. 29	Virginia Tech	W	35-21
D. 27	#Pittsburgh	W	23-16

#Continental Tire Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.0 ppg	48
Rushing	130.2 ypg	82
Passing	255.7 ypg	32
Total	385.9 ypg	55
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.4 ppg	26
Rushing	161.7 ypg	67
Passing	223.0 ypg	63
Total	384.7 ypg	67
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

Head Coach: Al Groh

2003 Record (ACC): 8-5 (4-4)

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□ Arkansas	\$815,000	□ Georgia Tech	\$1,410,000	□ Minnesota	\$1,400,000	□ Pittsburgh	\$640,000	□ Tulane	\$300,000
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□ California	\$1,295,000	□ Kansas State	\$1,500,000	□ North Carolina	\$300,000	□ Southern Miss	\$925,000	□ Washington	\$850,000
□ Cincinnati	\$460,000	□ Kent	\$300,000	□ North Carolina St	\$1,430,000	□ Stanford	\$300,000	□ Washington St	\$1,025,000
□ Clemson	\$1,670,000	□ Kentucky	\$505,000	□ North Texas	\$380,000	□ Syracuse	\$775,000	□ West Virginia	\$1,525,000
□ Colorado	\$1,000,000	□ Louisville	\$1,255,000	□ Northern Illinois	\$565,000	□ Temple	\$300,000	□ Western Michigan	\$310,000
□ Colorado St	\$475,000	□ LSU	\$2,135,000	□ Northwestern	\$300,000	□ Tennessee	\$1,790,000	□ Wisconsin	\$1,365,000
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## Offense

The suspense on offense is who will be under center: Brandon Hassell or Tye Gunn? But in reality, it might not actually matter which guy winds up shouting signals. The two quarterbacks are proven winners, as their combined 15-2 starting record attest, and they can't go wrong in an offense loaded with talent.

"We know both guys are capable of getting the job done," TCU coach Gary Patterson says. "The decision will either come down to which guy is healthy or which was proves to have a hot hand."

Those hands may be handing off more than throwing the football. The Frogs have two talented running backs in Robert Merrill and Lonta Hobbs. Both backs are capable of producing 1,000-yard seasons, and both could achieve the mark this season.

The receivers are also talented. Reggie Harrell, who broke the school's single-season receiving yardage record last season, is surrounded by an impressive sophomore trio of Cory Rodgers, Quentilly Harmon and Michael DePriest.

The line has four returning starters, including all-conference tackle Anthony Alabi. The group should provide plenty of running lanes. The only offensive weakness is finding a reliable fullback.

## NUMBERS GAME

**6** The Horned Frogs were ranked as high as No. 6 in last season's Bowl Championship Series standings, which was the first time in the history of the system's ratings that a non-BCS conference school cracked the top eight.

## Defense

Patterson marveled over the speed of his defense prior to the season. He'll soon discover if that speed can overcome inexperience.

TCU lost all four starters on the defensive line and will be counting a committee to fill the gap. They will likely rotate the group based on their run-stopping and pass-rushing strengths.

Linebacker Martin Patterson gives the defense a steady presence in the middle of the field, and he'll have to keep it up on a defense without many proven performers. Logo Tevaseu will work opposite of him at linebacker, but the 5'9" senior tallied most of his tackles on special teams last season.

The secondary, which gave up several long pass plays last season, has more speed and gets weak safety Marvin Godbolt back in the lineup. Godbolt missed the final nine games of last season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament of his knee.

"This defense has a chance to be one of the fastest we've had," Patterson says. "But we have to see how physical they can be."

## Specialists

Over the past three seasons, TCU relied on Nick Browne's leg. Junior Mike Wynn, who has attempted only one field goal since arriving on campus, takes over for Browne and will have to show his mettle right away.

The other specialists are back. John Braziel will look for more consistency this season with his punting, while Rodgers is a threat for dazzling returns on both kickoffs and punts.

## Final Analysis

While the Horned Frogs aren't entertaining BCS bowl thoughts just yet, it might not take long for those dreams to resurface. TCU has too much offensive talent and speed on defense to suffer much of a drop-off. The Horned Frogs shouldn't have any problems moving the football. The most glaring problem is a depleted defensive line, but there are enough names on the depth chart to find reliable replacements.

TCU has a tougher non-conference schedule than last season with a home date against Northwestern and trip to Texas Tech. But the same soft Conference USA schedule is back, and TCU doesn't have to deal with title contender Memphis.

## C-USA Prediction: 1st



Robert Merrill

Layne Murdoch

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	17 Cory Rodgers (So.)	37 Quentilly Harmon (So.)
WR	81 Reggie Harrell (Sr.)	19 Michael DePriest (So.)
LT	55 Anthony Alabi (Sr.)	72 Michael Toudouze (Jr.)
LG	69 Stephen Culp (Jr.)	62 Shane Sims (Jr.)
C	75 Chase Johnson (Sr.)	61 Ben Angeley (Jr.)
RG	79 Zach Bray (Sr.)	77 Stephen Simmons (Sr.)
RT	78 Herbert Taylor (So.)	66 Marvin Pearson (Jr.)
TE	84 Cody McCarty (Sr.)	91 Chad Andrus (Jr.)
QB	7 Brandon Hassell (Sr.)	15 Tye Gunn (Jr.)
FB	44 Marcus Draper (Fr.)	26 Tanner Davidson (Jr.)
TB	33 Robert Merrill (So.)	30 Lonta Hobbs (Jr.)

### Defense (3)

DE	65 Jamison Newby (So.)	94 Chris Hayes
DT	92 Terence James (So.)	99 Jeremy Breedlove (Jr.)
NT	67 Zarnell Fitch (Jr.)	97 Jared Kesler (So.)
DE	88 Ranorris Ray (Jr.)	39 Tommy Blake (Fr.)
MLB	50 Martin Patterson (Sr.)	53 Shawn Brooks (Jr.)
SLB	22 Logo Tevaseu (Sr.)	34 Andrew Ward (So.)
CB	2 Mark Walker (Sr.)	4 Quincy Butler (Jr.)
CB	14 Jerome Braziel (Sr.)	11 Drew Coleman (Jr.)
WS	23 Marvin Godbolt (Sr.)	27 David Roach (Fr.)
FS	28 Jeremy Modkins (Jr.)	31 Elvis Gallegos (So.)
SS	26 Brian Bonner (Fr.)	1 Ken Lewis (So.)

## Special Teams

K	41 Mike Wynn (Jr.)	KR	17 Cory Rodgers (So.)
P	6 John Braziel (Sr.)	PR	17 Cory Rodgers (So.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Brandon Hassell, 240-136-2,039-8, 10 TDs

Rushing: Robert Merrill, 201 car., 1,107 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Reggie Harrell, 58 rec., 1,012 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Martin Patterson, 103, 58 solo

Sacks: Brandon Johnson, 3.5

Jeremy Breedlove, 3.5

Interceptions: Mark Walker, 5 for 25 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	Northwestern	W
S. 11	SMU	W
S. 18	at Texas Tech	*
S. 25	South Florida	W
O. 2	at Army	W
O. 16	at UAB	W
O. 23	Houston	W
O. 30	at Cincinnati	W
N. 9	at Louisville	*
N. 20	Southern Miss	W
N. 27	Tulane	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

S. 1	at Tulane	W	38-35
S. 6	Navy	W	17-3
S. 20	Vanderbilt	W	30-14
S. 27	at Arizona	(ot) W	13-10
O. 4	Army	W	27-0
O. 10	at South Florida	W	13-10
O. 18	UAB	W	27-24
O. 25	at Houston	W	62-55
N. 5	Louisville	W	31-28
N. 15	Cincinnati	W	43-10
N. 20	at So. Miss	L	28-40
N. 29	at SMU	W	20-13
D. 23	#Boise State	L	31-34
	#Ft. Worth Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.2 ppg	38
Rushing	207.7 ypg	18
Passing	221.6 ypg	54
Total	429.3 ypg	26
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.2 ppg	29
Rushing	93.7 ypg	9
Passing	255.8 ypg	98
Total	349.5 ypg	38
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	43

Head Coach: Gary Patterson

2003 Record (C-USA): 11-2 (7-1)





## Offense

With eight starters returning, Purdue's offense may be as good as it ever has been under head coach Joe Tiller.

Kyle Orton is arguably the Big Ten's best signal-caller, and one NFL assistant coach says Orton will be a mid-first round pick in the 2005 NFL Draft. During his career, Orton has thrown for 6,247 yards and 32 touchdowns, completing 58.1 percent of his passes.

There is a bevy of experienced players at running back. Last year, Jerod Vold clearly established himself as Purdue's top back, rushing for 13 touchdowns.

Wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield could eclipse several school and Big Ten records. He has caught 236 passes for 2,534 yards. Orton also will look to 6'9" receiver Kyle Ingraham. Tight end Garret Bushong could have a breakout year.

Robbie Powell and David Owen look to fill voids at center and right tackle, respectively. Tyler Moore and Matt Turner started every game last season at the guard positions, while left tackle Mike Otto started all 13 games in 2003.

## NUMBERS GAME

**2.43** Senior quarterback Kyle Orton is Purdue's career leader with a 2.43 interception percentage (23 picks in 947 attempts). He enters the 2004 season having thrown only seven interceptions in his last 484 pass attempts (or one pick in every 69 throws).

## Defense

The Boilermakers must replace eight defensive starters from a team that played in its third New Year's Day bowl in the last five years.

Ray Edwards has all the skills to be a great defensive end. Anthony Spencer could start at the other end position but will have to hold off junior college stud Jeremy Coley, who has 4.5 speed. Purdue is perilously thin at tackle, where Brandon Villarreal and Brent Grover will start.

The linebacking corps will be completely revamped as all three 2003 starters have moved on to the professional ranks. Stanford Keglir and Bobby Iwuchukwu will start on the outside and George Hall will get the nod in the middle. Iwuchukwu has the most experience, while Hall is the most vicious hitter.

Cornerback Antwaun Rogers, the only senior starter on defense, and strong safety Bernard Pollard return. New defensive backs coach Lou Anarumo will need Rogers and Pollard to emerge as the leaders of the secondary. Redshirt freshman Paul Long, who has 4.5 speed, was moved from cornerback to free safety in the spring and will start because of his size (6'2") and speed. The other starting corner will likely be Brian Hickman, who performed admirably in the Capital One Bowl.

## Specialists

Placekicker Ben Jones was nothing short of sensational. He hit 25-of-30 field goals (83.3 percent), including all nine of his attempts from 40-to-49 yards.

Purdue will turn to true freshman Dave Brytus to handle the punting duties. Stubblefield is a reliable punt returner, while Jerome Brooks proved to be a very effective kick returner.

## Final Analysis

Purdue has plenty of holes to fill on a defense that ranked third in the Big Ten in yards allowed. But as long as some rising stars can play up to their abilities and Purdue proves it can stop opponents consistently, Boilermaker fans will have plenty to smile about this fall. Purdue's offense should move the ball with regularity and score plenty of points, making an eighth straight bowl appearance likely. Plus, a favorable schedule awaits as only five of the 11 opponents played in the postseason last fall, not to mention the fact that Purdue gets Michigan and Ohio State in Ross-Ade Stadium.

## Big Ten Prediction: 6th



Kyle Orton

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR 89 Kyle Ingraham (So.)	84 Byron Williams (Fr.)
WR 21 Taylor Stubblefield (Sr.)	15 Bruce Gordon (Jr.)
WR 23 Kevin Noel (Jr.)	2 Ray Williams (Jr.)
LT 65 Mike Otto (So.)	77 Ryan Nobilet (Fr.)
LG 56 Matt Turner (Jr.)	53 Nick Fincher (Fr.)
C 68 Robbie Powell (Fr.)	56 Matt Turner (Jr.)
RG 50 Tyler Moore (Sr.)	67 Uche Nwaneri (So.)
RT 63 David Owen (Sr.)	75 Brian Wang (Jr.)
TE 87 Charles Davis (Jr.)	93 Garret Bushong (So.)
QB 18 Kyle Orton (Sr.)	11 Brandon Kirsch (So.)
RB 32 Jerod Vold (Jr.)	27 Brandon Jones (Jr.)

### Defense (3)

DE 49 Anthony Spencer (So.)	Jeremy Coley (Jr.)
DT 55 Brandon Villarreal (Jr.)	97 Jamaal Jones (Fr.)
DT 58 Brent Grover (Jr.)	98 Dan McGowen (So.)
DE 10 Ray Edwards (So.)	45 Gene Bright (Fr.)
WLB 59 Stanford Keglir (Fr.)	88 Drew Rucks (So.)
MLB 30 George Hall (So.)	17 Josh Ferguson (Fr.)
SLB 39 Bobby Iwuchukwu (Jr.)	44 Jon Goldsberry (Sr.)
CB 12 Antwaun Rogers (Sr.)	36 Brandon Golder (Fr.)
CB 33 Brian Hickman (Jr.)	24 Sean Petty (Jr.)
SS 31 Bernard Pollard (So.)	8 Grant Walker (Fr.)
FS 25 Paul Long (Fr.)	7 Kyle Smith (Jr.)

### Special Teams

P Dave Brytus (Fr.)	PR 21 Taylor Stubblefield (Sr.)
K 35 Ben Jones (Jr.)	KR 22 Jerome Brooks (So.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Kyle Orton, 414-251-2,885-7, 15 TDs  
**Rushing:** Jerod Vold, 235 car., 952 yds., 13 TDs  
**Receiving:** Taylor Stubblefield, 86 rec., 835 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** Bernard Pollard, 66, 42 solo  
**Sacks:** Brent Grover, 3.5  
**Interceptions:** Antwaun Rogers, 1 for 3 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 5 Syracuse	W
S. 11 Ball State	W
S. 25 at Illinois	W
<b>O. 2 at Notre Dame</b>	*
O. 9 at Penn State	W
<b>O. 16 Wisconsin</b>	*
O. 23 Michigan	L
O. 30 at Northwestern	W
N. 6 at Iowa	L
N. 13 Ohio State	L
N. 20 Indiana	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 6 Bowling Green	L 26-27
S. 13 at Wake Forest	W 16-10
S. 20 Arizona	W 59-7
S. 27 Notre Dame	W 23-10
O. 4 Illinois	W 43-10
O. 11 Penn State	W 28-14
O. 18 at Wisconsin	W 26-23
O. 25 at Michigan	L 3-31
N. 1 Northwestern	W 34-14
N. 8 Iowa	W 27-14
N. 15 at Ohio State	(ot) L 13-16
N. 22 at Indiana	W 24-16
J. 1 #Georgia	(ot) L 27-34
#Capital One Bowl	

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.9 ppg	59
Rushing	148.9 ypg	63
Passing	224.0 ypg	51
Total	372.9 ypg	65
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.4 ppg	14
Rushing	96.9 ypg	10
Passing	205.6 ypg	39
Total	302.5 ypg	13
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+12	+0.92	8

Head Coach: Joe Tiller

2003 Record (Big Ten): 9-4 (6-2)





## Offense

If Josh Fields has signed a pro baseball contract as expected, the Cowboys will start a freshman quarterback in their season opener at UCLA. Not ideal. And yet, not all bad, considering touted recruits Bobby Reid and Donovan Woods have flashed dazzling talent in early auditions and offer an added dimension to the offense.

While the Cowboys aren't about to abandon their passing attack, they'll mix in a heavy dose of the option that could present defenses with preparation problems.

Woods, youngest brother of departed All-American Rashaun, redshirted a year ago. Reid, rated one of the nation's top dual-threat quarterbacks in the class of 2004, graduated high school early and enrolled at OSU in January. He participated in spring practice.

Pressure won't overwhelm whoever runs the offense, as playmaking options remain, even after the loss of Rashaun Woods and Tatum Bell to the NFL. Tailback Vernand Morency emerged late last season and showed star potential. D'Juan Woods is set to take over the feature receiver post occupied so well by his big brother. And the line returns nearly intact, led by All-Big 12 guard Sam Mayes.

Still, identifying a quarterback is crucial.

"They're amazing athletes," says Mayes. "They're explosive, fast, quick and can throw the ball on a rope. We're good to go."

## NUMBERS GAME

**6.8** Tailback Vernand Morency averaged 6.8 yards per carry in 2003, second best in the nation among tailbacks with at least 900 yards rushing.

## Defense

The development of the defense relies on improvement across the front.

"I think we're going to be OK there," says

defensive coordinator Bill Clay, "but we need to have some guys come through and be better."

The defensive line doesn't have to be great, just competent, because the linebackers and secondary form the best back seven at OSU in years. Paul Duren has twice led the team in tackles and is among four players who have started at linebacker. Cornerback Darrent Williams heads a swift cast of defensive backs. In fact, speed is the theme across the board with this Cowboy defense.

The focus, however, remains up front. Clay Coe is a dependable performer on the line. And coaches are counting on former prep star Xavier Lawson-Kennedy to shore up the middle in his second season. Marque Fountain offers potential to the overhauled end spots.

## Specialists

Cole Farden ranks among the Big 12's best punters, and his ability to put the ball in the end zone on kickoffs is an often-overlooked weapon. A kicker for field goals and extra points must be found, with Farden battling redshirt freshman Luke Roberts and incoming freshman Jason Ricks for that job.

As always, OSU's return units will feature explosive potential. Williams, Jones, Andrew Alexander and Daniel McLemore all possess game-breaking speed.

"We always emphasize special teams," Miles says. "And we always will."

## Final Analysis

The Cowboys might be expected to drop off from their back-to-back bowl bid success of the past two seasons. And, yes, Woods and Bell — first- and second-round NFL draft picks — were premier players who won't be forgotten.

Still, playmakers are in place on both sides of the ball. And if either Reid or Woods comes through at quarterback, the offense should be a force. If not, the defense will bear a heavy burden.

## Big 12 South Prediction: 3rd



D'Juan Woods

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	84 D'Juan Woods (So.)	81 Eric Allen (Fr.)
WR	83 Chijuan Mack (Fr.)	28 Tommy Devereaux (So.)
LT	75 Corey Hilliard (So.)	61 David Koenig (Fr.)
LG	69 Chris Akin (Sr.)	74 Doug Bond (So.)
C	56 Ben Buie (Sr.)	72 Kurt Seifried (So.)
RG	76 Sam Mayes (Sr.)	66 Corey Curtis (Jr.)
RT	78 Kellen Davis (Jr.)	68 Adam Gourley (Jr.)
TE	86 Billy Bajema (Sr.)	80 Charlie Johnson (Jr.)
QB	14 Bobby Reid (Fr.)	8 Donovan Woods (Fr.)
FB	37 Shawn Willis (Jr.)	32 Julius Crosslin (Fr.)
TB	33 Vernand Morency (Jr.)	2 Seymore Shaw (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	81 Jerry Don Bray (Jr.)	42 Trumain Carroll (Jr.)
NG	90 Xavier Lawson-Kennedy (So.)	95 Efe Mowarin (Sr.)
DT	96 Clay Coe (Sr.)	92 Brad Girtman (So.)
DE	97 Marque Fountain (So.)	56 Maurice Cummings (Fr.)
LB	51 Victor DeGrate (So.)	99 Lawrence Pinson (Jr.)
LB	12 Paul Duren (Jr.)	41 Pagitte McGee (Jr.)
CB	9 Darrent Williams (Sr.)	4 Daniel McLemore (Jr.)
CB	6 Robert Jones (Sr.)	5 Ricky Coxeff (Fr.)
SS	20 Vernon Grant (Jr.)	30 Grant Jones (So.)
WS	23 Jamie Thompson (Sr.)	19 Jeremy Nethon (So.)
FS	17 Jon Holland (Jr.)	10 Thomas Wright (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	17 Luke Roberts (Fr.)	KR	6 Robert Jones (Sr.)
P	18 Cole Farden (Sr.)	PR	4 Daniel McLemore (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Josh Fields, 338-184-2,494-12, 21 TDs  
**Rushing:** Vernand Morency, 135 car., 918 yds., 8 TDs  
**Receiving:** D'Juan Woods, 31 rec., 479 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Paul Duren, 97, 51 solo  
**Sacks:** Pagitte McGee, 2  
**Marque Fountain, 2**  
**Interceptions:** Darrent Williams, 6 for 130 yds.

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## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at UCLA	*
S. 11	Tulsa	W
S. 18	SMU	W
O. 2	Iowa State	W
O. 9	at Colorado	W
O. 16	Texas A&M	W
O. 23	at Missouri	L
O. 30	Oklahoma	L
N. 6	at Texas	L
N. 13	Baylor	W
N. 20	at Texas Tech	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Nebraska	L	7-17
S. 6	Wyoming	W	48-24
S. 13	SW Missouri State	W	35-3
S. 20	at SMU	W	52-6
O. 4	UL Lafayette	W	56-3
O. 11	Kansas State	W	38-34
O. 18	Texas Tech	W	51-49
O. 25	at Texas A&M	W	38-10
N. 1	at Oklahoma	L	9-52
N. 8	Texas	L	16-55
N. 15	Kansas	W	44-21
N. 22	at Baylor	W	38-21
J. 2	#Ole Miss	L	28-31
	#Cotton Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.9 ppg	11
Rushing	217.8 ypg	11
Passing	197.0 ypg	79
Total	414.8 ypg	32
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.1 ppg	57
Rushing	159.9 ypg	66
Passing	241.1 ypg	86
Total	401.0 ypg	78
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.31	77

Head Coach: Les Miles

2003 Record (Big 12): 9-4 (5-3)







## Offense

Whether Oregon is average or outstanding in the Pac-10 this season will hinge in no small part on whether junior quarterback Kellen Clemens is average or outstanding in his second year as the starter.

Leading rusher Terrence Whitehead is back after an inconsistent sophomore season, and he needs to run with more power and less razzle-dazzle, as he did in his better games of 2003. True freshman Terrell Jackson, a 5'9" burner, will battle two seniors and a sophomore for carries behind Whitehead, while big things are expected of fullback Dante Rosario in his sophomore campaign.

The receiving corps took a hit with the graduation of blazing fast Samie Parker, but the Ducks counter with size this season. Demetrius Williams is the top returning wideout, and he leads a group of four receivers who stand 6'2" or taller. Bruising tight end Tim Day is also back.

The line is solid at the tackles, led by all-league selection Adam Snyder, but thin up the middle. Oregon spent the off-season grooming a new center, and there isn't much experienced depth behind guards Ian Reynoso and Nick Steitz, who is also a candidate to snap the ball.

## NUMBERS GAME

**34.5** Oregon's net punting average of 34.5 in 2003 was last in the Pac-10 and nearly 10 yards behind conference leader USC.

## Defense

After being named a Freshman All-American in 2002, tackle Haloti Ngata played less than a quarter in '03 before being lost for the season with a torn ACL. He returned to action in the spring and was a welcome addition for a team that lost both starting tackles from the Sun Bowl. And while Devan Long led the team in sacks last year, the other starting end will lack experience.

The linebackers, as Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti says, are "green as grass." Jerry Matson is an emotional leader in the middle, and he is the top returning tackler. But the other potential starters are either unproven or have battled injuries in their careers.

The Oregon secondary improved in 2003 thanks to new zone schemes implemented by coach John Neal. Then again, the Ducks had nowhere to go but up after finishing 115th (out of 117 teams) against the pass in 2002. They improved to 105th last fall. The Ducks have plenty of experience in the backfield, though Aliotti is concerned about their intensity.

"We've got to understand that there's more to being a football player than just being a great athlete on the field," Aliotti says.

## Specialists

The kickers and return men enter 2004 on opposite ends of the spectrum. Kick returner Kenny Washington was All-Pac-10 last season, and Justin Phinisee leads an experienced group of candidates to return punts. But strong-legged placekicker Jared Siegel struggled with his accuracy last year, and punter Paul Martinez was humbled as a true freshman.

## Final Analysis

The Ducks enter the season with a sense of momentum after finishing the 2003 regular season with four wins in five games, then narrowly losing to Minnesota in the Sun Bowl.

They will try to build on that momentum with a non-conference schedule that includes Indiana and Idaho (and Oklahoma), and a conference slate that is back-loaded and doesn't include USC at all. Considering the absence of the Trojans from the schedule, Oregon may have a realistic chance of challenging USC for the title.

The Ducks can do so if Clemens and the running backs are solid, and if the linebackers and secondary develop into cohesive units.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 4th



Kellen Clemens

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	6 Demetrius Williams (Jr.)	83 Marcus Maxwell (Sr.)
WR	8 Keith Allen (Sr.)	1 Garren Strong (Fr.)
LT	72 Adam Snyder (Sr.)	68 Shawn Flanagan (So.)
LG	74 Nick Steitz (Sr.)	55 Enoka Lucas (So.)
C	55 Enoka Lucas (So.)	74 Nick Steitz (Sr.)
RG	59 Ian Reynoso (Jr.)	72 Adam Snyder (Sr.)
RT	79 Robin Knebel (Sr.)	77 Mike DeLaGrange (Sr.)
TE	85 Tim Day (Jr.)	82 Dan Kause (So.)
QB	11 Kellen Clemens (Jr.)	12 Johnny DuRocher (Fr.)
FB	44 Dante Rosario (So.)	41 Jerome Johnson (Fr.)
TB	24 Terrence Whitehead (Jr.)	20 Kenny Washington (Sr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	92 Devan Long (Jr.)	56 Victor Filipe (So.)
DT	99 Robby Valenzuela (Sr.)	45 Matt Toeaina (So.)
DT	96 Haloti Ngata (So.)	David Faaeteete (Fr.)
DE	47 Chris Solomona (Sr.)	95 Darius Sanders (Jr.)
SLB	84 Anthony Trucks (Jr.)	54 Reggie Kerney (So.)
MLB	52 Jerry Matson (Sr.)	37 Justin Andrews (Jr.)
WLB	18 Ramone Reed (Sr.)	49 Marcus Miller (Sr.)
CB	31 Justin Phinisee (Jr.)	7 Rodney Woods (Sr.)
CB	2 Marques Binns (Jr.)	5 Aaron Gipson (Jr.)
ROV	23 Marley Tucker (Sr.)	5 Aaron Gipson (Jr.)
FS	28 J.D. Nelson (So.)	11 Charles Favroth (Sr.)

### Special Teams

K	25 Jared Siegel (Sr.)	KR	20 Kenny Washington (Sr.)
P	36 Paul Martinez (So.)	PR	31 Justin Phinisee (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Kellen Clemens, 304-182-2,400-9, 18 TDs  
**Rushing:** Terrence Whitehead, 192 car., 737 yds., 6 TDs  
**Receiving:** Demetrius Williams, 51 rec., 935 yds., 8 TDs  
**Tackles:** Jerry Matson, 81, 59 solo  
**Sacks:** Devan Long, 10.5  
**Interceptions:** Justin Phinisee, 2 for 8 yds.

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### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 11	Indiana	W
S. 18	at Oklahoma	L
S. 25	Idaho	W
O. 2	Arizona State	W
O. 9	at Wash. State	W
O. 16	Arizona	W
O. 23	at Stanford	W
O. 30	Washington	W
N. 6	at California	L
N. 13	UCLA	W
N. 20	at Oregon State	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Miss. State	W	42-34
S. 6	Nevada	W	31-23
S. 13	at Arizona	W	48-10
S. 20	Michigan	W	31-27
S. 27	Wash. State	L	16-55
O. 3	at Utah	L	13-17
O. 11	at Arizona State	L	14-59
O. 25	Stanford	W	35-0
N. 1	at Washington	L	10-42
N. 8	California	W	21-17
N. 15	at UCLA	W	31-13
N. 22	Oregon State	W	34-20
D. 31	#Minnesota	L	30-31
	#Sun Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

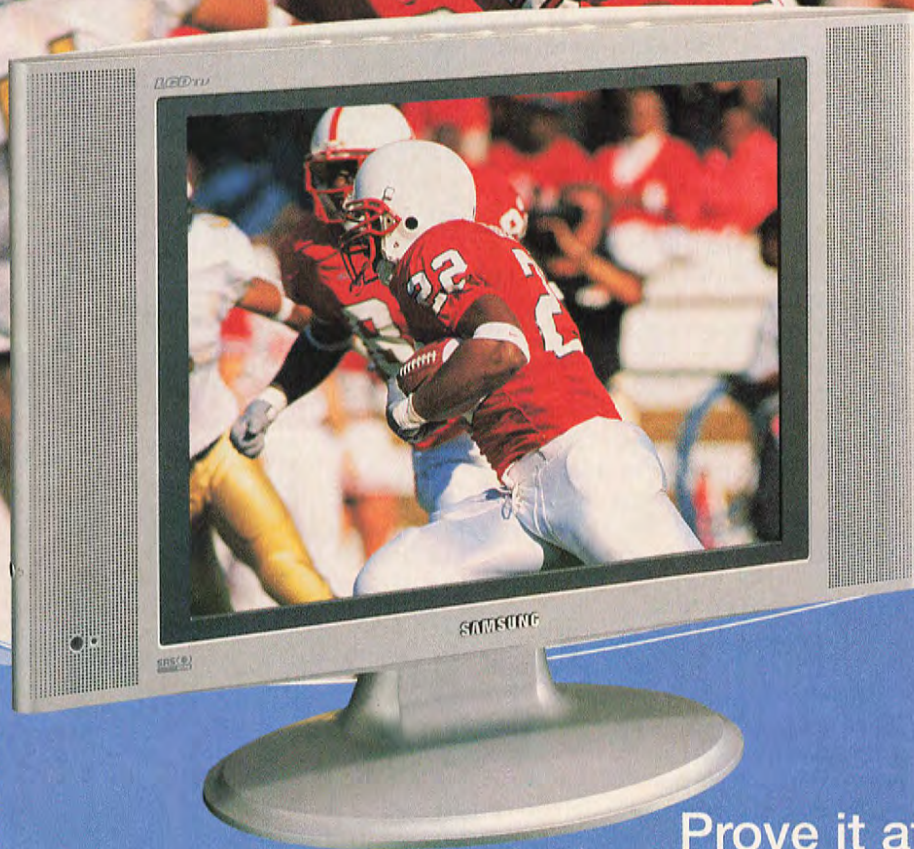
Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.4 ppg	56
Rushing	131.9 ypg	80
Passing	252.9 ypg	34
Total	384.9 ypg	57
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.8 ppg	70
Rushing	107.1 ypg	16
Passing	259.9 ypg	105
Total	367.0 ypg	50
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.38	85

Head Coach: Mike Bellotti

2003 Record (Pac-10): 8-5 (5-3)



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**SAMSUNG**





## Offense

The Eagles lost six offensive starters, and the line must be reconstructed. The good news, though, is that coach Tom O'Brien has recruited well for the past several years.

O'Brien played the quarterback derby a year ago, starting Quinton Porter at the outset before finally making the switch to Paul Peterson, a junior college transfer. Both are seniors and both are experienced. Peterson, who guided the Eagles to a win at Virginia Tech and in the bowl game, will likely get the nod.

"This is probably as much experience as we have had since my first year at Boston College," says O'Brien. "We have two quarterbacks who played in, and won, big games for us last year."

The problem at receiver will be keeping a talented group of wideouts busy. Both starters — seniors Grant Adams and Joel Hazard — are back. Adams led the team with five touchdowns and 720 receiving yards, while Hazard averaged 12.5 yards per catch.

The keys will be the offensive line and at running back, where all-time leading rusher Derrick Knight graduated. Sophomore Jeff Ross is the early frontrunner, but watch out for redshirt freshmen L.V. Whitworth and Andre Callender.

## NUMBERS GAME

**6** Boston College is shooting for a record sixth straight bowl game, and if the Eagles win six conference games this season, they will earn the first BCS bid in school history.

"(The backfield is) an area of concern," O'Brien says. "We don't know who will be the starter yet. I think these kids have potential and they'll fight hard for the job through the spring and summer."

## Defense

The line should be a strength of the defense. End Mathias Kiwanuka will be a member of sev-

eral preseason All-America teams after leading the Big East last year with 13 sacks.

The Eagles will have new starters at both outside linebacker spots, but Ray Henderson, a 13-game starter in 2003, returns. Highly touted recruit Brian Toal could play his way into the lineup before the end of the season.

The Eagles welcome back an experienced and talented duo of cornerbacks. Junior Will Blackmon, a preseason All-Big East pick, will team with senior Peter Shean. T.J. Stancil emerged at the end of last season and has a firm hold on the free safety spot, but things aren't as settled at strong safety.

## Specialists

Punter Jeff Gomulinski returns after averaging 39.8 yards per kick last season. The Eagles hope Francois Brochu is the man delivering the ball to Gomulinski, but the long snapper was suspended in the spring for a violation of team rules. "We're going to get Francois back involved," says O'Brien. "Hopefully, he can be out there and give us the lift we need in our kicking game."

Mike Fassel, the son of former Giants coach Jim Fassel, sits atop the depth chart at place-kicker, but he will face competition from a group of walk-ons in the fall. Fassel has not attempted a field goal at BC.

## Final Analysis

Boston College should continue its postseason run this year with a school-record sixth-straight bowl game. Talent is not the issue. Experience is, however. If the offensive line develops and someone emerges at running back, the Eagles could threaten West Virginia for the title in the watered-down Big East.

"We have a chance," O'Brien says about winning the league title. "We have to do some rebuilding in areas in which we haven't had to rebuild. But with the way the league is, we can compete. There is no question about that."

## Big East Prediction: 2nd



Mathias Kiwanuka

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	5 Grant Adams (Sr.)	6 Larry Lester (Jr.)
WR	17 Joel Hazard (Sr.)	82 Jason Lilly (So.)
LT	72 Jeremy Trueblood (Jr.)	74 Ryan Poles (Fr.)
LG	75 Josh Beekman (So.)	67 Tom Aneveski (Fr.)
C	66 Pat Ross (Jr.)	65 Chris Hathy (Jr.)
RG	70 James Marten (So.)	67 Tom Aneveski (Fr.)
RT	77 Gosder Cherilus (Fr.)	63 Shadu Moore (So.)
TE	86 David Kashetta (Sr.)	95 Justin Hinds (Sr.)
QB	18 Paul Peterson (Sr.)	15 Quinton Porter (Sr.)
FB	49 Mark Palmer (So.)	Paddy Lynch (So.)
TB	38 Jeff Ross (So.)	35 L.V. Whitworth (Fr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	93 Phillip Mettling (Sr.)	92 Myran Hunter (Sr.)
DT	56 Alvin Washington (Jr.)	58 Justin Bell (So.)
DT	96 Tim Bulman (Sr.)	59 Danny Zepp (So.)
DE	94 Mathias Kiwanuka (Jr.)	52 Jeff Parros (So.)
OLB	55 Ricky Brown (Jr.)	Brian Toal (Fr.)
MLB	3 Ray Henderson (Jr.)	40 JoLonn Dunbar (Fr.)
OLB	42 Jon Misiewicz (Jr.)	53 Jeff Burns (So.)
CB	1 Will Blackmon (Jr.)	30 DeJuan Tribble (Fr.)
CB	19 Peter Shean (Sr.)	9 Larry Anam (So.)
SS	4 Jazzmen Williams (Jr.)	24 Ryan Glasper (So.)
FS	23 T.J. Stancil (Sr.)	29 Taji Morris (So.)

## Special Teams

K	11 Mike Fassel (Sr.)	KR	1 Will Blackmon (Jr.)
P	25 Jeff Gomulinski (Sr.)	PR	7 N. Hasselbeck (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Quinton Porter, 250-140-1,764-6, 14 TDs

Rushing: Quinton Porter, 78 car., 159 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Grant Adams, 46 rec., 720 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Ray Henderson, 88, 46 solo

Sacks: Mathias Kiwanuka, 13

Interceptions: Will Blackmon, 4 for 21 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	at Ball State	W
S. 11	Penn State	W
S. 17	Connecticut	W
S. 25	at Wake Forest	W
O. 2	Massachusetts	W
O. 16	at Pittsburgh	W
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>at Notre Dame</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 6	Rutgers	W
N. 13	at West Virginia	L
N. 20	at Temple	W
N. 27	Syracuse	W

\* Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Wake Forest	L	28-32
S. 6	at Penn State	W	27-14
S. 13	at Connecticut	W	24-14
S. 20	Miami	L	14-33
S. 27	Ball State	W	53-29
O. 11	at Temple	W	38-13
O. 18	at Syracuse	L	14-39
O. 25	Notre Dame	W	27-25
N. 1	Pittsburgh	L	13-24
N. 8	West Virginia	L	28-35
N. 15	at Rutgers	W	35-25
N. 22	at Virginia Tech	W	34-27
D. 31	#Colorado State	W	35-21
	#San Francisco Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.5 ppg	44
Rushing	182.1 ypg	31
Passing	222.5 ypg	52
Total	404.5 ypg	35

Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.5 ppg	60
Rushing	128.7 ypg	30
Passing	229.5 ypg	74
Total	358.2 ypg	44

TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

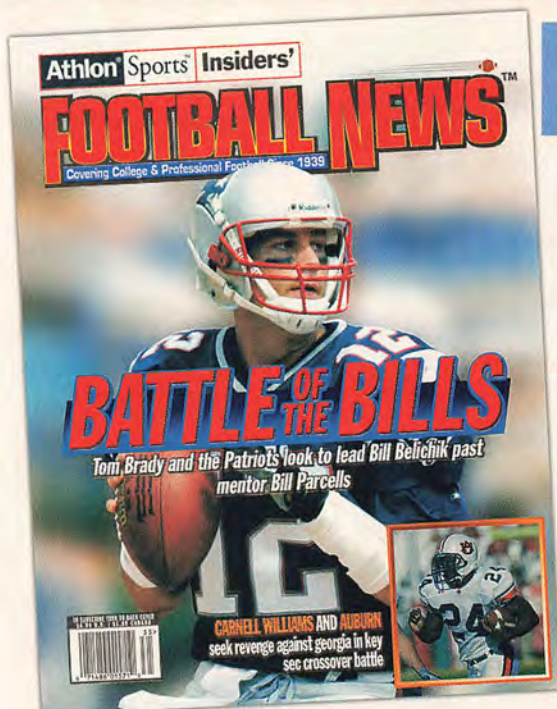
Head Coach: Tom O'Brien

2003 Record (Big East): 8-5 (3-4)



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## Offense

Quarterback Jay Davis attempted just 28 passes while playing behind Philip Rivers, possibly the best quarterback in ACC history. Davis now must contend with competition from redshirt freshman Marcus Stone. The 6'4", 226-pound Stone threw for over 5,100 yards and 50 touchdowns in high school.

"There's no secret that Marcus is a very good athlete," says coach Chuck Amato. "But he's green. He's young."

T.A. McLendon has been the Pack's primary ballcarrier the past two seasons, and in his short, injury-plagued career he has amassed over 1,700 yards and 27 rushing touchdowns. Senior Chance Moyer will open holes for McLendon at fullback.

At receiver Tramain Hall caught 69 passes for just under 800 yards a year ago; Brian Clark had almost 550 yards as a sophomore; and Richard Washington had six touchdowns and 500 yards last season. T.J. Williams was an honorable mention All-ACC tight end last season after grabbing 28 passes for 444 yards and three scores.

## NUMBERS GAME

**4** Coach Chuck Amato is just the fourth ACC coach to guide his first four teams to bowl games. State is 3-1 in those bowls.

The NCAA granted left tackle Chris Colmer a fifth season after he suffered from a rare viral infection. Sophomore James Newby is the most likely candidate to start if Colmer is unable to go. Mammoth tackle Derek Morris (6'6", 332 pounds) will be a more experienced and seasoned athlete. Ricky Fowler began his career on the defensive line, but he'll bring great strength to one of the guard spots. All-ACC center Jed Paulsen will get the nod for the third straight season, bringing consistency to the line.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Richmond	W
S. 18	Ohio State	L
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>at Virginia Tech</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 2	Wake Forest	W
O. 9	at North Carolina	W
O. 16	at Maryland	L
O. 23	Miami	L
O. 30	at Clemson	L
N. 6	Georgia Tech	W
N. 11	Florida State	L
N. 27	#East Carolina	W
	#Charlotte, NC	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	W. Carolina	W	59-26
S. 6	at Wake Forest	L	24-38
S. 13	at Ohio State	(3ot)	L 38-44
S. 20	Texas Tech	W	49-21
S. 27	North Carolina	W	47-34
O. 4	at Georgia Tech	L	21-29
O. 11	Connecticut	W	31-24
O. 16	Clemson	W	17-15
O. 25	at Duke	W	28-21
N. 1	Virginia	W	51-37
N. 15	at Florida State	(2ot)	L 44-50
N. 22	Maryland	L	24-26
D. 22	#Kansas	W	56-26
	#Tangerine Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	37.6 ppg	8
Rushing	100.9 ypg	107
Passing	352.3 ypg	3
Total	453.2 ypg	13
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.6 ppg	81
Rushing	136.9 ypg	40
Passing	284.1 ypg	116
Total	421.0 ypg	89
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	57

## Defense

End Manny Lawson is a former linebacker, and his speed off the ball will be key. Tackle John McCargo led NCSU with 16 quarterback pressures as a freshman, and Dwayne Herndon came on strong last year after playing sparingly early in the season.

Speedy strong-side linebacker Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay will be an invaluable player on defense, while on the weak side Pat Thomas was State's second-leading tackler in '03 with 130 stops.

Senior corners Dovonte Edwards and Lamont Reid may enter the season as the starters, but A.J. Davis and Marcus Hudson will push the upperclassmen. Senior rover Andre Maddox was a first-team All-ACC pick last season after leading the Pack in tackles with 145.

## Specialists

State's kicker and punter from last year graduated, but John Deraney should help ease the loss at both positions. As a freshman, Deraney sent more than half of his kickoffs into or out of the end zone.

The toughest loss was that of long snapper Danny Young, perhaps college football's most consistent player at his position the past few years. William Lee will be asked to step into Young's shoes.

## Final Analysis

Chuck Amato doesn't have the luxury of an experienced quarterback this year. However, what Amato has is a confident, experienced team that knows it can play with the big boys.

Another positive: Amato went out and got a defensive coordinator, Reggie Herring. The defense should be improved with Herring at the helm, and that's a necessity. There will be a young quarterback leading the Pack, meaning any chance of a winning record against a brutal schedule may depend upon the defense.

## ACC Prediction: 6th



T.A. McLendon

## Depth Chart

## Offense (8)

FL	6 Richard Washington (Jr.)	13 Lamart Barrett (So.)
SE	87 Brian Clark (Jr.)	11 Chris Hawkins (So.)
LT	70 Chris Colmer (Sr.)	78 James Newby (So.)
LG	64 Leroy Harris (So.)	66 Yomi Ojo (Fr.)
C	53 Jed Paulsen (Jr.)	63 Kelani Heppe (Fr.)
RG	76 Ricky Fowler (Sr.)	77 John McKeon (Jr.)
RT	71 Derek Morris (So.)	79 Jon Holt (So.)
TE	80 T.J. Williams (Jr.)	15 John Ritcher (Jr.)
HB*	21 Tramain Hall (Jr.)	7 Fred Span (Jr.)
QB	10 Jay Davis (Jr.)	9 Marcus Stone (Fr.)
FB	49 Chance Moyer (Sr.)	37 Avery Gibson (Sr.)
TB	44 T.A. McLendon (Jr.)	20 Reggie Davis (So.)

## Defense (9)

DE	9 Mario Williams (So.)	96 Renaldo Moses (Jr.)
DT	90 John McCargo (So.)	99 Kennie Covington (Sr.)
DT	62 Dwayne Herndon (Jr.)	72 DeMarcus Tyler (So.)
DE	91 Manny Lawson (Jr.)	42 Chip Cross (Jr.)
SLB	31 Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (Sr.)	45 Ernest Jones (Fr.)
MLB	22 Oliver Hoyte (Jr.)	56 Pat Lowery (So.)
WLB	52 Pat Thomas (Sr.)	50 Stephen Tulloch (So.)
CB	14 Dovonte Edwards (Sr.)	1 Marcus Hudson (Jr.)
CB	28 Lamont Reid (Sr.)	3 A.J. Davis (So.)
ROV	36 Andre Maddox (Sr.)	19 Garland Heath (So.)
FS	27 Troy Graham (Sr.)	4 J.J. Jones (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	12 John Deraney (So.)	KR	28 Lamont Reid (Sr.)
P	12 John Deraney (So.)	PR	21 Tramain Hall (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Jay Davis, 10-9-89-0, 1 TD  
 Rushing: T.A. McLendon, 130 car, 608 yds., 9 TDs  
 Receiving: Tramain Hall, 69 rec., 799 yds., 7 TDs  
 Tackles: Andre Maddox, 145, 113 solo  
 Sacks: Pat Thomas, 8  
 Interceptions: A.J. Davis, 2 for 65 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive players reflect NC State's multiple formations.

Head Coach: Chuck Amato

2003 Record (ACC): 8-5 (4-4)





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## Offense

Offense was not the problem in 2003. The Hokies could have won 11 or 12 games based on offensive production alone.

However, offense could be a problem in 2004. Tech must replace a handful of big-time players, including tailback Kevin Jones, receiver Ernest Wilford and center Jake Grove. It didn't help when tailback-to-be Cedric Humes broke his left leg in spring drills. He's expected to be back at full speed by the season, but an injury like that is scary, and Humes needed the reps he would have gotten in the spring to work on a fumble problem that developed late last season.

Grove did more than snap and block. He was a leader. His skills can be replaced much easier than his intangibles. Look for senior quarterback Bryan Randall to assume more of the leadership role, assuming he remains the team's quarterback. Sophomore Marcus Vick is waiting, and many think he won't have to wait until Randall leaves to take over the job.

Wilford caught 106 passes the past two seasons. A young group of receivers appears to have some talent, but Tech can't afford to wait for them to blossom.

## NUMBERS GAME

**84** Before the streak ended last season, Virginia Tech had been ranked in 84 consecutive Associated Press polls. Over the past five years, the Hokies have spent 57 weeks in the AP top 10.

## Defense

Not that long ago, Virginia Tech's defense was very highly regarded. The speed-over-size, aggressive formula made defensive coordinator Bud Foster one of the young coaches on the rise.

But the bloom has fallen off that rose. Tech's defense was thoroughly worn out last season, and the Hokies made heroes out of many an opponent.

The return of senior end Jim Davis will help

the rush. When healthy, he's as good as it gets at applying pressure. Tech also has some young linebackers it really likes, particularly redshirt freshmen Xavier Adibi and Vince Hall. They're probably a year away from becoming stand-outs. An accelerated timetable would help the Hokies.

The secondary wasn't very good last year and is populated by the same folks this year, minus DeAngelo Hall — probably the team's best cover guy. If the rush isn't much improved in 2004, opposing quarterbacks are going to be able to spin the yardage dial to incredible heights.

## Specialists

Tech coach Frank Beamer handles his own special teams, which haven't been quite so special lately. Punter Vinnie Burns is pro caliber, if he can avoid the kind of fade he had late last season. Tech missed three field goals and had three kickoffs go out of bounds in its Insight Bowl loss to California — kind of its kicking season in a nutshell. Many suspects have emerged as kicking possibilities, but no surefire answer has been found.

The loss of Hall will hurt. He probably would have been a first-round draft pick based on return skills alone.

## Final Analysis

The Hokies have been to a bowl game 11 straight seasons, and it is going to take some doing to keep that streak going. Tech's once-feared defense became porous last season. Three late games could have been won with just one stop, and the Hokies couldn't make it. They're "tweaking" their alignment some, playing closer to a traditional 4-3 than they have in recent years. But what they really need is a better pass rush and more big plays out of their linebacking corps. Better pass coverage is necessary as well, something the improved rush will no doubt help.

## ACC Prediction: 7th



Bryan Randall

## Depth Chart

### Offense (4)

WR	12 Richard Johnson (Sr.)	19 Josh Hyman (Fr.)
WR	27 Justin Hamilton (Jr.)	87 David Clowney (So.)
RT	79 Jon Dunn (Sr.)	58 Chris Pannell (Jr.)
RG	76 James Miller (Sr.)	72 Jason Murphy (Jr.)
C	66 Will Montgomery (Jr.)	68 Robert Ramsey (Sr.)
LG	61 Reggie Butler (Jr.)	57 Tripp Carroll (Fr.)
LT	52 Jimmy Martin (Jr.)	67 Nick Marshman (Fr.)
TE	90 Jeff King (Jr.)	85 Jared Mazzetta (Sr.)
QB	3 Bryan Randall (Sr.)	5 Marcus Vick (So.)
FB	43 John Kinzer (Fr.)	Michael Green (Fr.)
TB	32 Cedric Humes (Jr.)	20 Mike Imoh (Jr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	95 Jim Davis (Sr.)	55 Darryl Tapp (Jr.)
DT	70 Kevin Lewis (Sr.)	71 Tim Sandidge (Jr.)
DT	56 Jonathan Lewis (Jr.)	86 Isaac Montgomery (Sr.)
DE	96 Noland Burchette (So.)	49 Chris Ellis (Fr.)
OLB	42 James Anderson (Jr.)	48 Brandon Manning (Sr.)
ILB	45 Mikal Baaqee (Sr.)	9 Vince Hall (Fr.)
ILB	11 Xavier Adibi (Fr.)	40 Blake Warren (Jr.)
CB	2 Jimmy Williams (Jr.)	15 Roland Minor (Fr.)
CB	1 Eric Green (Sr.)	29 Brian McPherson (So.)
ROV	22 James Griffin (Sr.)	18 Mike Hinton (Fr.)
FS	8 Vincent Fuller (Sr.)	31 Mike Daniels (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	46 Brandon Pace (So.)	KR	20 Mike Imoh (Jr.)
P	38 Vinnie Burns (Sr.)	PR	20 Mike Imoh (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Bryan Randall, 245-150-1,996-10, 15 TDs  
**Rushing:** Bryan Randall, 82 car., 404 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Justin Hamilton, 23 rec., 282 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Jimmy Williams, 114, 63 solo  
**Sacks:** Jonathan Lewis, 4.0, Kevin Lewis, 4.0  
**Interceptions:** Eric Green, 3 for 166 yds.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

A. 28	#USC	L
S. 11	Western Michigan	W
S. 18	Duke	W
S. 25	NC State	*
O. 2	West Virginia	L
O. 9	at Wake Forest	W
O. 16	Florida A&M	W
O. 28	at Georgia Tech	W
N. 6	at North Carolina	W
N. 18	Maryland	*
N. 27	Virginia	*
D. 4	at Miami	L
	#Landover, MD	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 31	UCF	W	49-28
S. 6	James Madison	W	43-0
S. 18	Texas A&M	W	35-19
S. 27	Connecticut	W	47-13
O. 4	at Rutgers	W	48-22
O. 11	Syracuse	W	51-7
O. 22	at West Virginia	L	7-28
N. 1	Miami	W	31-7
N. 8	at Pittsburgh	L	28-31
N. 15	at Temple (ot)	W	24-23
N. 22	Boston College	L	27-34
N. 29	at Virginia	L	21-35
D. 26	#California	L	49-52
	#Insight Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.4 ppg	12
Rushing	209.3 ypg	17
Passing	192.5 ypg	82
Total	401.8 ypg	38
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	45
Rushing	136.0 ypg	39
Passing	231.5 ypg	76
Total	367.5 ypg	51
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	65

Head Coach: Frank Beamer

2003 Record (Big East): 8-5 (4-3)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



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## Offense

Defensive coordinators curious about what South Carolina's offense will look like with Lou Holtz calling plays can tune into ESPN Classic and check out a Notre Dame game from the late 1980s. Holtz spent the off-season installing several two-back formations, including a veer package that will force opponents to spend time preparing to defend the option. Given the Gamecocks' depth at tailback and their lack of production in the spread the past two seasons, the move appears to be a good one.

South Carolina returns nearly everyone on offense, including five offensive linemen who started at least six games and the tailback tandem of Daccus Turman and Demetris Summers, who combined for nearly 1,300 yards rushing in 2003. Holtz also may line his tailbacks up in the slot to get Turman, Summers, sophomore Cory Boyd and senior Gonzie Gray on the field more.

Returning quarterback Dondrial Pinkins struggled with his accuracy last season, finishing last among SEC quarterbacks with a 50.3 completion percentage and next to last in passing efficiency. Pinkins will not be asked to do as much in the new offense but still needs to become more consistent to prevent teams from crowding the line to stuff the run.

## NUMBERS GAME

**33** The only time Lou Holtz has posted three successive losing seasons was 33 years ago at William & Mary in his first coaching stop. The Gamecocks have gone 5-7 the past two seasons.

## Defense

Ex-Cincinnati head coach Rick Minter, the Gamecocks' third defensive coordinator in three seasons, will stick with the base 4-3 but promises to do more twists and stunts with the front four. That's good news for a unit that has shown an

inability to get pressure out of its base defense.

Ends Moe Thompson and George Gause combined for 10 of the Gamecocks' 15 sacks in '03 but got little help from tackles Freddy Saint-Preux and Darrell Shropshire. The line-backing corps is solid when healthy. Ricardo Hurley, regarded as the top linebacker in the country by many recruiting analysts in 2002, could finally make a breakthrough after two sub-par seasons.

The secondary is suspect following the departure of the top three cornerbacks, including Dunta Robinson, one of the highest-rated corners in the NFL Draft. Junior college transfer Jonathan Joseph and sophomore Fred Bennett won the corner jobs with solid springs, but neither has started a Division I-A game.

## Specialists

Josh Brown, the Gamecocks' only kicker to receive a scholarship from Holtz out of high school, is the team's best option at placekicker and punter. Holtz would rather not use Brown for both, but he may have no choice. The junior averaged 40.5 yards per punt last season, while backup Joey Bowers averaged nearly the same with a funky, rugby-type style that Holtz employed.

## Final Analysis

With Holtz changing the offense to a two-back formation with an emphasis on the running game, Summers must stay healthy and rush for close to 1,000 yards. South Carolina has other good backs, but none with Summers' ability to take over a game. If the offense can play ball control and eat the clock, it can cover for a defense that wore down at the end of last season.

The schedule should be easier, with Alabama replacing defending national champion LSU and home games against rebuilding Mississippi and Arkansas. If the Gamecocks avoid another late-season slide, they'll be bowling for the first time in three years.

## SEC East Prediction: 4th



Demetris Summers

Allen Kee

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

WR	15 Matthew Thomas (Sr.)	1 Noah Whiteside (So.)
WR	82 Troy Williamson (Jr.)	85 Michael Flint (So.)
LT	78 Jabari Levey (Jr.)	77 Woody Telfort (Jr.)
LG	69 Stephen Sene (So.)	60 Chris White (So.)
C	74 John Strickland (Sr.)	63 Kris Mick (So.)
RG	72 Jonathan Alston (Sr.)	71 William Brown (Fr.)
RT	70 Na'Shan Goddard (Jr.)	77 Woody Telfort (Jr.)
TE	39 Brian Brownlee (Sr.)	80 Andy Boyd (So.)
QB	5 Dondrial Pinkins (Sr.)	13 Syvelle Newton (So.)
FB	44 Brandon Schweitzer (Jr.)	32 Daccus Turman (Jr.)
TB	31 Demetris Summers (So.)	3 Cory Boyd (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	91 Moe Thompson (Jr.)	90 Jason Capers (Sr.)
DT	57 Darrell Shropshire (Sr.)	94 Preston Thorne (Sr.)
DT	54 Freddy Saint-Preux (Sr.)	97 Charles Silas (Jr.)
DE	99 George Gause (Sr.)	59 James Scott (Jr.)
OLB	42 Ricardo Hurley (Jr.)	48 Lance Laury (Jr.)
MLB	46 Marcus Lawrence (Sr.)	51 Orus Lambert (Jr.)
OLB	11 Rod Wilson (Sr.)	24 Corey Peoples (Sr.)
CB	8 Fred Bennett (So.)	14 Taqiy Muhammad (Sr.)
CB	9 Jonathan Joseph (Jr.)	23 Tremaine Tyler (Jr.)
S	6 Jermaine Harris (Sr.)	17 Andre Hemphill (Jr.)
S	16 Jamacia Jackson (Sr.)	36 Ko Simpson (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	87 Josh Brown (Jr.)	KR	82 Troy Williamson (Jr.)
P	87 Josh Brown (Jr.)	PR	1 Noah Whiteside (So.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Dondrial Pinkins, 322-162-2, 127-9, 10 TDs

Rushing: Daccus Turman, 132 car., 646 yds., 7 TDs

Receiving: Troy Williamson, 31 rec., 428 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Marcus Lawrence, 99, 65 solo

Sacks: Moe Thompson, 5

George Gause, 5

Interceptions: 4 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Vanderbilt	*
S. 11	Georgia	L
S. 18	South Florida	W
S. 25	Troy State	W
O. 2	at Alabama	*
O. 9	Ole Miss	*
O. 16	at Kentucky	W
O. 30	Tennessee	*
N. 6	Arkansas	W
N. 13	at Florida	L
N. 20	at Clemson	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	UL Lafayette	W	14-7
S. 6	Virginia	W	31-7
S. 13	at Georgia	L	7-31
S. 20	UAB	W	42-10
S. 27	at Tennessee	L	20-23
O. 9	Kentucky	W	27-21
O. 18	LSU	L	7-33
O. 25	Vanderbilt	W	35-24
N. 1	at Ole Miss	L	40-43
N. 6	at Arkansas	L	6-28
N. 15	Florida	L	22-24
N. 22	Clemson	L	17-63

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ppg	82
Rushing	161.4 ypg	47
Passing	193.7 ypg	81
Total	355.1 ypg	75
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.2 ppg	63
Rushing	165.6 ypg	71
Passing	202.6 ypg	36
Total	368.2 ypg	53
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.58	20

Head Coach: Lou Holtz

2003 Record (SEC): 5-7 (2-6)





## Offense

One of Conference USA's strongest offenses a year ago could be even stronger this fall. There are playmakers everywhere, starting with running back DeAngelo Williams, who set a school record with 1,430 rushing yards and led the nation in all-purpose yardage (192.1 per game). He is a powerful, explosive back who uses his blockers well. He is equally dangerous as a receiver out of the backfield.

Tavares Gideon, the team's second-leading receiver two years ago, is back after missing last season with a knee injury. He's joined by Maurice Avery, a converted quarterback who led the team in receiving last year, and senior Darron White, who made several clutch catches.

Directing the offense will be senior quarterback Danny Wimprine, the MVP of last year's New Orleans Bowl. Wimprine possesses a strong, accurate arm and no longer forces balls into coverage as he did earlier in his career.

Memphis' offensive line is loaded with depth and veteran leadership. The Tigers should start seniors from tackle to tackle, including third-team all-conference linemen Gene Frederic, the center, and Jeremy Rone, the right tackle.

## NUMBERS GAME

**40,622** *Memphis averaged a Liberty Bowl-record 40,622 fans last fall. The Tigers established a single-season record in total attendance, too, attracting 284,352.*

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn, in his first year, transformed this unit into one of the nation's best. But with just five starters back, he'll have his work cut out in trying to keep the Tigers ranked in the top 10 in total defense.

The defense's leader will be senior defensive tackle Albert Means, who has trimmed down to the 330-pound range and is among the conference's best at stuffing the run. The coaches

auditioned him at defensive end during the spring and were impressed by his quickness.

There will be three new starting linebackers. Junior college transfer Carlton Baker, sophomore Quinton McCrary, junior Tim Goodwell and sophomore Mike Snyder will be in the mix.

In the secondary, the Tigers lost Lee Hayes, the team's top cover corner, who was dismissed after the bowl game. But safety Wesley Smith, who missed the spring with a groin injury, is a first-team all-conference player built in the mold of former Memphis star Jerome Woods.

## Specialists

Head coach Tommy West handled the special teams last year, and after a performance review he fired himself. West hired a special teams coach, former Hawaii assistant Tyson Helton, and hopes the change can turn this group's fortunes around.

Junior Stephen Gostkowski, a starting pitcher for the baseball team, gives the Tigers a dependable kicker. He finished as the league's No. 2 kicker (1.46 field goals per game) and was perfect on 44 extra-point attempts. Senior Brandon Roberson is back after averaging 39.5 yards on 50 punts.

## Final Analysis

Tiger football fans still celebrating last season's first bowl trip in 32 years will find themselves pulling for a team that has a legitimate chance to challenge for the C-USA title. The Tigers are loaded offensively with a veteran quarterback, an All-America candidate at running back, depth at the receiver spot and a solid offensive line that allowed only 12 sacks a year ago. In Williams, the Tigers have the reigning league Offensive Player of the Year and the best running back in the program's history. The key to winning a C-USA title — unthinkable two years ago after a 3-9 finish — may rest on a revamped defense that must replace six starters, including all three linebackers.

## C-USA Prediction: 2nd



DeAngelo Williams

## Depth Chart

### Offense (11)

WR	21 Tavares Gideon (Sr.)	83 Ryan Scott (So.)
WR	1 Maurice Avery (Jr.)	28 Darron White (Sr.)
WR	88 Tavarious Davis (Sr.)	80 Von Webb (Sr.)
LT	73 David Davis (Sr.)	63 Blake Butler (So.)
LG	75 Andrew Handy (Sr.)	54 Willie Henderson (So.)
C	76 Gene Frederic (Sr.)	66 Stephen Schuh (So.)
RG	68 Jason Matthews (Sr.)	79 Kenyon Glover (Sr.)
RT	53 Jeremy Rone (Sr.)	71 Jason Johnson (Sr.)
TE	82 John Doucette (Jr.)	89 Isaac Daniel (Sr.)
QB	18 Danny Wimprine (Sr.)	11 Bobby Robison (Sr.)
RB	20 DeAngelo Williams (Jr.)	3 Derron Parquet (Sr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	43 Marcus West (Jr.)	Tyus Jackson (Jr.)
NT	77 Albert Means (Sr.)	51 LaVale Washington (Jr.)
DE	96 David McNair (Sr.)	27 Shaka Hill (Sr.)
OLB	55 Mike Snyder (So.)	10 Carlton Baker (Jr.)
MLB	41 Tim Goodwell (Jr.)	56 Charles Davis (Sr.)
OLB	30 Quinton McCrary (So.)	10 Carlton Baker (Jr.)
CB	7 Cameron Essex (Jr.)	26 Dustin Lopez (So.)
CB	9 Tristan Thomas (Sr.)	29 Lionel Pieh (Sr.)
SS	40 O.C. Collins (Jr.)	23 Sam Brewer (So.)
SS	17 Javar Pollard (So.)	21 Derek Clemen (So.)
FS	45 Wesley Smith (Jr.)	8 Scott Vogel (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	32 Stephen Gostkowski (Jr.)	KR	20 DeAngelo Williams (Jr.)
P	48 Brandon Roberson (Sr.)	PR	12 Chris Kelley (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Danny Wimprine, 440-246-3,174-13, 22 TDs  
**Rushing:** DeAngelo Williams, 243 car., 1,430 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Maurice Avery, 49 rec., 742 yds., 8 TDs  
**Tackles:** Wesley Smith, 98, 51 solo  
**Sacks:** David McNair, 3  
**Interceptions:** Wesley Smith, 3 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Ole Miss	*
S. 11	Chattanooga	W
S. 18	at Arkansas State	W
S. 25	at UAB	W
O. 2	Houston	W
O. 16	Tulane	W
O. 23	at Cincinnati	W
N. 2	Louisville	*
N. 13	Southern Miss	*
N. 20	at East Carolina	W
N. 27	at South Florida	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Tenn. Tech	W	40-10
S. 6	Ole Miss	W	44-34
S. 13	at So. Miss	L	6-23
S. 27	Arkansas State	W	38-16
O. 4	UAB	L	10-24
O. 11	at Miss. State	L	27-35
O. 18	at Houston	W	45-14
O. 25	at Tulane	W	41-9
N. 1	East Carolina	W	41-24
N. 15	at Louisville	W	37-7
N. 22	Cincinnati	W	21-16
N. 29	South Florida	L	16-21
D. 16	#North Texas	W	27-17
	#New Orleans Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.2 ppg	32
Rushing	181.5 ypg	32
Passing	263.0 ypg	27
Total	444.5 ypg	16
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.2 ppg	20
Rushing	110.4 ypg	18
Passing	185.4 ypg	19
Total	295.8 ypg	9
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.31	77

Head Coach: Tommy West

2003 Record (C-USA): 9-4 (5-3)





## Offense

Much depends on the right arm of Paul Pinegar, whose performance dipped last season following a torn chest muscle suffered during preseason. The 6'4", 220-pounder returned to start the final eight games, but his passes just didn't have the same zip. Pinegar's arm appeared stronger in the spring, though it fatigued more easily than normal. Fresno State coach Pat Hill is confident his junior signal-caller, who got stronger and leaner thanks to a vigorous conditioning program, will be 100 percent when practice begins in August.

Dwayne Wright and Bryson Sumlin are the primary 1-2 punch at tailback and complement each other well. Wright has excellent quickness and acceleration through the hole. Sumlin is a more physical, straight-ahead runner with good instincts on short yardage.

The receiving corps is young but promising. Jermaine Jamison and Adam Jennings were thrown to the wolves as freshmen; now they're expected to take over as juniors with help from Joe Fernandez, a possession receiver blessed with extra-sticky hands.

Logan Mankins' expected return from knee surgery fills a void at left tackle and allows Dartagnon Shack to slide over to right guard, his more natural position. Center Kyle Young, a load at 6'5", 320, was a Freshman All-American last fall.

## NUMBERS GAME

**6** Fresno State has lost six in a row combined to Boise State and Hawaii, a streak that has prevented the Bulldogs from winning the WAC since 1999.

## Defense

When the NCAA granted Brian Morris a sixth season of eligibility, it ensured Fresno State would return the league's best pass-rushing combo in Morris and Garrett McIntyre,

who had a combined 19 sacks last season.

Inside, the Bulldogs have a meaty rotation featuring Donyell Booker, Louis Leonard, Fai Satele and Dwayne Ruffin. When McIntyre moves to tackle on passing downs, it makes room for edge rushers Claude Sanders and Marlon Brisco.

Fresno State is young at linebacker, with Todd Garcia the only returning starter. Dwayne Andrews and Manuel Sanchez earned their stripes in part-time duty. Andrews is a better athlete than Fresno State is used to at the position, but he must resist the temptation to freelance.

Defensive coordinator Dan Brown has labored many years assembling a stable of cornerbacks capable of suffocating WAC receivers. He may finally have one in Ray Washington, Richard Marshall, Awan Diles, Marcus McCauley and Therrian Fontenot. Strong safety James Sanders led the Bulldogs with 93 stops last fall and took his game to new levels in the spring.

## Specialists

Brett Visintainer, a clutch performer in 2003 who hit game-winning field goals against Oregon State and Rice, expects to resume kicking in July following ankle surgery.

With two punt return touchdowns on his résumé, Jennings inherits the role full-time.

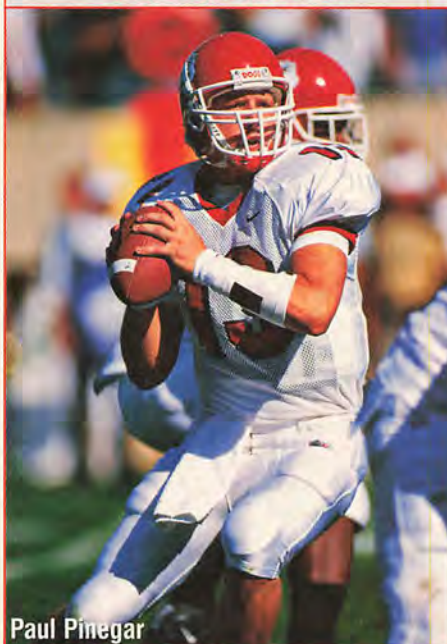
## Final Analysis

Though fans have gotten a little weary of Hill's smash-mouth brand of football, that strategy this fall will be tough to dispute. Offensive line and running back are the unquestioned strengths of this team.

Defensively, Fresno State is loaded up front, and the Sanders-led secondary is deep and talented. Provided the young linebackers don't screw up too often, opponents will have a difficult time doing much of anything.

But for the Bulldogs to take it a step further, Pinegar needs to be his old self, and a new group of receivers must develop into front-line starters.

## WAC Prediction: 1st



Paul Pinegar

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

WR	84 Joe Fernandez (So.)	1 Paul Williams (So.)
WR	6 Jermaine Jamison (Jr.)	18 Adam Jennings (Jr.)
LT	74 Logan Mankins (Sr.)	63 Kawika Edwards (Sr.)
LG	68 Matt Stevenson (Jr.)	61 Noa Pouono (Sr.)
C	59 Kyle Young (So.)	66 Robin Kezirian (So.)
RG	50 Dartagnon Shack (Jr.)	70 Sean Finnerty (Jr.)
RT	79 Chris Denman (So.)	76 Adam Messick (So.)
TE	49 Stephen Spach (Sr.)	82 Mark Wood (Sr.)
QB	13 Paul Pinegar (Jr.)	7 Tom Brandstater (Fr.)
FB	46 Roshon Vercher (So.)	41 Jamal Jones (Sr.)
TB	32 Dwayne Wright (Jr.)	34 Bryson Sumlin (Jr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	55 Brian Morris (Sr.)	47 Claude Sanders (Sr.)
DT	56 Fai Satele (Sr.)	65 Dwayne Ruffin (Sr.)
NT	99 Donyell Booker (Sr.)	98 Louis Leonard (So.)
DE	71 Garrett McIntyre (Jr.)	92 Marlon Brisco (So.)
WLB	28 Manuel Sanchez (So.)	40 Marcus Riley (Fr.)
MLB	51 Dwayne Andrews (So.)	11 Tyler Clutts (Fr.)
SLB	45 Todd Garcia (Sr.)	10 Alan Goodwin (So.)
CB	24 Richard Marshall (So.)	27 Awan Diles (Jr.)
CB	29 Raymond Washington (Jr.)	17 Marcus McCauley (So.)
SS	23 James Sanders (Jr.)	3 Nate Ray (Sr.)
FS	36 Tyrone Culver (Jr.)	4 Vincent Mays (So.)

## Special Teams

K	38 Brett Visintainer (Sr.)	KR	18 Adam Jennings (Jr.)
P	37 Mike Lingua (So.)	PR	18 Adam Jennings (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Paul Pinegar, 294-174-1,773-9, 11 TDs  
 Rushing: Dwayne Wright, 190 car., 1,038 yds., 3 TDs  
 Receiving: Jermaine Jamison, 23 rec., 210 yds., 0 TDs  
 Tackles: James Sanders, 93, 55 solo  
 Sacks: Brian Morris, 11  
 Interceptions: Manuel Sanchez, 4 for 50 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 5	at Washington	*
S. 11	at Kansas State	L
S. 18	Portland State	W
O. 2	at Louisiana Tech	W
O. 9	UTEP	W
O. 23	at Boise State	*
O. 30	SMU	W
N. 6	at Rice	W
N. 13	Hawaii	W
N. 20	Nevada	W
N. 27	at San Jose State	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Tennessee	L	6-24
S. 5	Oregon State	W	16-14
S. 13	at Oklahoma	L	28-52
S. 20	Louisiana Tech	W	16-6
S. 27	Portland State	W	42-16
O. 4	at Colorado St.	L	10-34
O. 11	at Hawaii	L	28-55
O. 25	Rice	W	31-28
N. 1	at SMU	W	20-11
N. 8	at Nevada	W	27-10
N. 15	San Jose State	W	41-7
N. 21	Boise State	L	17-31
N. 29	at UTEP	W	23-20
D. 30	#UCLA	W	17-9

#Silicon Valley Classic

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	80
Rushing	160.4 ypg	50
Passing	192.1 ypg	84
Total	352.6 ypg	77
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.6 ppg	41
Rushing	174.8 ypg	80
Passing	206.4 ypg	41
Total	381.2 ypg	65
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.36	39

2003 Record (WAC): 9-5 (6-2)

Head Coach: Pat Hill



## Offense

Quarterback Bruce Gradkowski has Rocket fans excited after he burst onto the scene as a sophomore and set school records in completion percentage (71.2) and touchdown passes (29) last season. "We have high expectations for Bruce this year and the playbook will certainly get bigger for him," says coach Tom Amstutz.

Trinity Dawson was a second-team All-MAC tailback in 2003 after rushing for 999 yards as a sophomore. Reserve Quinton Broussard averaged 5.2 yards per carry in limited duty last fall. He will be pushed by a trio of talented freshmen tailbacks — Lance Johnson, Richard Davis and Jalen Parmele.

Dawson & Co. will be running behind a very large and athletic offensive line that allowed just nine sacks last season. Left tackle Nick Kaczur is a three-time All-MAC pick who is on the 2004 Lombardi Award watch list. Center David Odenthal is the only other starter back, but three reserves return, and the coaching staff is excited about redshirt freshman John Greco and junior college transfer Greg Luna.

### NUMBERS GAME

**685** On Nov. 1, 2003 Toledo set a school record as the Rockets rolled up 685 yards of total offense in their 56-29 victory over Buffalo.

The receiving corps is without question the strength of this year's team. Lance Moore, who caught 103 passes for 1,194 yards, is being touted for the Biletnikoff Award. Steve Odom, the runner-up for the 2003 MAC Freshman of the Year, contributed 62 receptions in his rookie campaign. And there is plenty of depth behind Moore and Odom. Andrew Clarke is a returning all-conference performer at tight end.

## Defense

Toledo graduated all four starters on the defensive line, along with two key reserves. The

Rockets will be looking at Andre Bouldin, J.P. Bekasiak, Tyree Pollard and Patrick Clark to develop immediately at defensive tackle. True freshmen will compete for playing time right away, as well. There is some experience at defensive end with Jerome Walker, Phil Alexander, Melvin Butler and Don Gaines.

Three starters and eight lettermen return to the Rockets' four-linebacker set. Anthony Jordan (inside) and Keon Jackson (outside) have all-conference abilities. Jordan tied for fourth in the MAC last year with 138 total tackles.

Patrick Body returns at free safety, and according to Amstutz, "there is no reason why he can't be the best safety in the league; he has all of the tools." Antonio Malone returns at one cornerback after breaking his collarbone late last season. Bo Martin, Nigel Morris, James Monds and Indiana transfer Steven Gunter provide UT with depth.

## Specialists

Moore also starred on special teams and helped UT rank third in the nation last year in punt return average. Jason Robbins is back as the placekicker, but he made just 3-of-7 field goal attempts. Jason Cox and freshman Brett Kern will battle for the open punter position.

## Final Analysis

Scoring points should not be a problem for Toledo. The offense returns eight starters and features stars on each unit — Gradkowski at quarterback, Dawson at tailback, Moore at receiver and Kaczur on the line. There are, however, legitimate concerns on the other side of the ball, where Toledo must improve after ranking 72nd nationally in total defense by allowing 388.3 yards per game. If the defense is merely adequate, the Rockets, on the strength of their powerful offense, should be headed to a bowl game for the third time in the past four seasons.

## MAC West Prediction: 1st



Nick Kaczur

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	1 Lance Moore (Sr.)	85 David Washington (Fr.)
WR	80 Steve Odom (So.)	22 Pete Lepley (Sr.)
WR	9 Terrance Hudson (Sr.)	17 Kenley Horton (So.)
WR*	4 Kenny Higgins (Sr.)	87 Lance Long (Fr.)
LT	68 Nick Kaczur (Sr.)	63 Jerry Aguwa (So.)
LG	76 Chris Wakeman (Jr.)	69 Jesse Anderson (So.)
C	51 David Odenthal (Sr.)	70 Hassan Adebesein (So.)
RG	67 Wael Jarbou (Sr.)	64 Dave Perkins (Fr.)
ST	79 John Greco (Fr.)	78 Mike Sacco (Sr.)
TE	89 Andrew Clarke (Sr.)	81 Chris Holmes (Sr.)
QB	7 Bruce Gradkowski (Jr.)	8 Marques Council (Fr.)
RB	38 Trinity Dawson (Jr.)	23 Quinton Broussard (Jr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	98 Phil Alexander (Sr.)	90 Melvin Butler (Jr.)
DT	96 J.P. Bekasiak (So.)	87 Patrick Clark (Fr.)
DT	61 Tyree Pollard (Fr.)	Andre Bouldin (Fr.)
DE	56 Jerome Walker (So.)	43 Don Gaines (Sr.)
Whip	3 Michael Broussard (Sr.)	15 Mike Chamberlain (So.)
ILB	40 Anthony Jordan (Jr.)	35 Seth Thitoff (So.)
ILB	8 David Thomas (Sr.)	44 Mike Alston (So.)
ROV	6 Keon Jackson (Jr.)	21 Travis Williams (Fr.)
CB	5 Bo Martin (So.)	37 Nigel Morris (Fr.)
CB	30 Antonio Malone (Jr.)	19 Jason Flowers (Jr.)
FS	11 Patrick Body (Sr.)	14 Shawn Nixon (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	24 Jason Robbins (Jr.)	KR	1 Lance Moore (Sr.)
P	31 Jason Cox (Jr.)	PR	1 Lance Moore (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Bruce Gradkowski, 389-277-3,210-7, 29 TDs

Rushing: Trinity Dawson, 199 car., 999 yds., 10 TDs

Receiving: Lance Moore, 103 rec., 1,194 yds., 9 TDs

Tackles: Anthony Jordan, 138, 77 solo

Sacks: Phil Alexander, 3

Interceptions: Patrick Body, 3 for 61 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters  
\*The 12 offensive positions reflect Toledo's multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 5	at Minnesota	L
S. 11	at Kansas	W
S. 18	at Eastern Michigan	W
S. 25	Temple	W
O. 2	Ball State	W
O. 9	at Western Michigan	W
O. 16	Ohio	W
O. 23	Central Michigan	W
N. 3	at Miami (OH)	W
N. 10	at Northern Illinois	W
N. 23	Bowling Green	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 29	at UNLV	L	18-28
S. 6	Liberty	W	49-3
S. 12	at Marshall	W	24-17
S. 20	Pittsburgh	W	35-31
S. 27	at Syracuse	L	7-34
O. 11	Eastern Mich.	W	49-14
O. 18	at Central Mich.	W	31-13
O. 25	at Ball State	L	14-38
N. 1	Buffalo	W	56-29
N. 15	Northern Illinois	W	49-30
N. 22	Western Mich.	W	34-17
N. 29	at Bowling Green	L	23-31

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.4 ppg	24
Rushing	184.5 ypg	28
Passing	278.3 ypg	19
Total	462.8 ypg	11
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.8 ppg	51
Rushing	150.1 ypg	52
Passing	238.2 ypg	83
Total	388.3 ypg	72
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.92	9

Head Coach: Tom Amstutz

2003 Record (MAC): 8-4 (6-2)





## Offense

This is Brady Quinn's offense. The uncertainty of last season, when Quinn replaced Carlyle Holiday four games into his freshman season, has been replaced by a sense of stability. Despite the problems that resulted from an inexperienced and injured offensive line, Quinn was able to display flashes of what he can become.

His receivers could make up one of the deepest and most talented areas of the team. Holiday has had a full off-season to complete his transition to wideout. Junior Rhema McKnight caught 47 passes for 600 yards and three touchdowns last season, and Maurice Stovall, a 6'5" junior, caught 22 for 421 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior running back Ryan Grant averaged just over a half-yard less per carry last season than he did in 2002. But a dramatic decrease in opportunities — due to the return of the departed Julius Jones from a one-year banishment — reduced his yardage from 1,085 and nine touchdowns as a sophomore to 510 yards and three scores last season. Grant will have a chance to regain his status as a 1,000-yard rusher.

### NUMBERS GAME

**3** *Won't those echoes ever go away? The factor that has separated championship-level Irish coaches from the others has been winning a national championship in the third season.*

Inexperience in the offensive line has given way to a veteran, potentially cohesive unit for 2004. Bob Morton, who started 11 games at center last season, has moved to guard. Mark LeVoi and Dan Stevenson, last years starting guards, are back, but LeVoi has jumped to right tackle. Sophomore Ryan Harris, a starter for the last eight games of the season at right tackle, is now at left tackle.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 11	Michigan	L
S. 18	at Michigan State	*
S. 25	Washington	W
O. 2	Purdue	*
O. 9	Stanford	W
O. 16	#Navy	W
O. 23	Boston College	*
O. 30	at BYU	W
N. 6	at Tennessee	L
N. 13	Pittsburgh	W
N. 27	at USC	L
	#East Rutherford, NJ	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Tyrone Willingham

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	Washington State	W	29-26
S. 13	at Michigan	L	0-38
S. 20	Michigan State	L	16-22
S. 27	at Purdue	L	10-23
O. 11	at Pittsburgh	W	20-14
O. 18	USC	L	14-45
O. 25	at Boston College	L	25-27
N. 1	Florida State	L	0-37
N. 8	Navy	W	27-24
N. 15	BYU	W	33-14
N. 29	at Stanford	W	57-7
D. 6	at Syracuse	L	12-38

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.3 ppg	93
Rushing	157.3 ypg	56
Passing	179.1 ypg	92
Total	336.3 ypg	90
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.3 ppg	65
Rushing	127.2 ypg	29
Passing	213.0 ypg	48
Total	340.2 ypg	33
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.17	51

2003 Record: 5-7

## Defense

The progress of an inexperienced secondary could determine Irish success this season. Senior Dwight Ellick is the one returning starter at cornerback. The new faces at the position include freshmen Ambrose Wooden and Isaiah Gardner, neither of whom played last season. Tom Zbikowski and Freddie Parish are exciting safety prospects.

Senior defensive end Justin Tuck set a school record last season with 13.5 sacks, and fifth-year senior Kyle Budinscak has grown into a reliable member of the unit, but both were nursing knee injuries over the spring. Sophomore Victor Abiamiri could become a force at end this season. Trevor Laws, who did not play last season, could make an important contribution at tackle.

Fifth-year senior linebacker Mike Goolsby ranked third on the team with 75 tackles in 2002 and led the Irish with 13 tackles for a loss, but he missed the '03 season because of injury. His return at inside linebacker is essential for a group that will seek to establish an identity.

## Specialists

D.J. Fitzpatrick has already earned his place in the hearts of the faithful, due to his game-ending field goal beat Navy. He will return to handle the placekicking, and the Irish better hope he stays healthy. Fitzpatrick is the only scholarship kicker on the roster. Geoffrey Price is the new punter.

## Final Analysis

The Irish need to win a bowl. Any bowl. The giddy, premature talk of winning a national championship in Tyrone Willingham's first season has been replaced by a realization of the building that needs to take place. Notre Dame's last bowl victory was the 1994 Cotton Bowl. Before anyone talks about the BCS, Notre Dame needs the positive momentum of a happy ending, no matter where it takes place.

## Independent



Brady Quinn

Steve Wolmann

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

SE	21 Maurice Stovall (Jr.)	83 Jeff Samardzija (So.)
FL	5 Rhema McKnight (Jr.)	7 Carlyle Holiday (Sr.)
LT	68 Ryan Harris (So.)	79 Brian Mattes (So.)
LG	76 Bob Morton (So.)	72 Dan Santucci (So.)
C	78 John Sullivan (Fr.)	55 Zachary Giles (Jr.)
RG	74 Dan Stevenson (Jr.)	51 Jamie Ryan (So.)
RT	73 Mark LeVoi (Jr.)	62 Scott Raridon (So.)
TE	85 Billy Palmer (Sr.)	1 Jared Clark (Sr.)
QB	10 Brady Quinn (So.)	9 Pat Dillingham (Sr.)
FB	16 Rashon Powers-Neal (Jr.)	12 Josh Schmidt (Sr.)
RB	4 Ryan Grant (Sr.)	11 Marcus Wilson (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	95 Victor Abiamiri (So.)	92 Kyle Budinscak (Sr.)
NG	66 Derek Landri (So.)	98 Trevor Laws (Fr.)
DT	77 Greg Pauly (Sr.)	90 Brian Beidatsch (Jr.)
DE	44 Justin Tuck (Jr.)	97 Travis Leitko (So.)
OLB	49 Derek Curry (Sr.)	47 Mitchell Thomas (Fr.)
MLB	41 Mike Goolsby (Sr.)	46 Corey Mays (Jr.)
WLB	39 Brandon Hoyte (Jr.)	52 Joe Brockington (Fr.)
CB	24 Dwight Ellick (Sr.)	30 Mike Richardson (So.)
CB	15 Preston Jackson (Sr.)	6 Carlos Campbell (Sr.)
SS	2 Freddie Parish IV (So.)	27 Lionel Bolen (Jr.)
FS	8 Quentin Burrell (Sr.)	9 Tom Zbikowski (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	19 D.J. Fitzpatrick (Sr.)	KR	82 Matt Shelton (Jr.)
P	17 Geoffrey Price (Fr.)	PR	7 Carlyle Holiday (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Brady Quinn, 332-157-1,831-15, 9 TDs

Rushing: Ryan Grant, 143 car., 510 yds., 3 TDs

Receiving: Rhema McKnight, 47 rec., 600 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Brandon Hoyte, 74, 48 solo

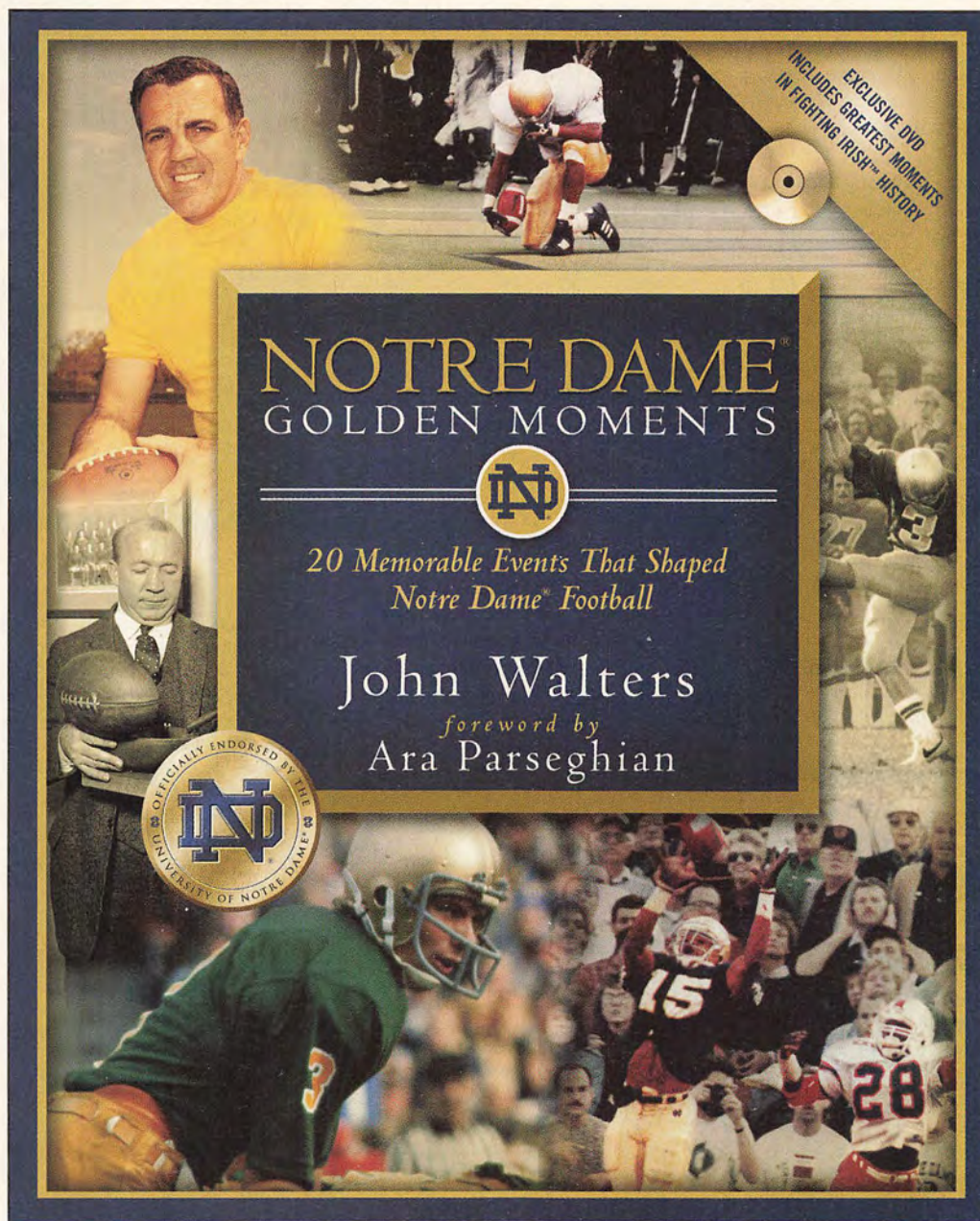
Sacks: Justin Tuck, 13.5

Interceptions: Quentin Burrell, 4 for 18 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



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## Offense

Junior quarterback Matt Dlugolecki did more playing than watching last season, and the unexpected dose of experience should come in handy this fall. Forced into action when Adam Hall suffered an injury in the opening game of the 2003 season, Dlugolecki ended up starting five games. He was prone to bouts of inconsistency, but he also led the Aztecs to a near-upset of then No. 2 Ohio State in his first college start.

Dlugolecki threw twice as many interceptions (eight) as touchdown passes (four) and will receive competition from redshirt freshman Kevin O'Connell.

Running back Lynell Hamilton rushed for 1,087 yards and earned first-team all-conference honors. But his freshman season ended two games early after he suffered a broken ankle. The expectation is that he'll be 100 percent by the season opener.

Junior Jeff Webb (55 receptions) is the best of the receivers. Senior Devin Pitts and junior Robert Ortiz figure to be the other starters. Senior Jeremy Justice will be the tight end.

The Aztecs will have three new starters on the line. Senior tackle Mike Kracalik and junior center Jasper Harvey are back to anchor it.

## NUMBERS GAME

**8** The Aztecs ranked eighth nationally in total defense, a huge improvement over the No. 95 ranking in 2002.

## Defense

The Aztecs are loaded at linebacker and strong in the secondary. That bodes well for a unit that ranked eighth nationally in total defense in 2003.

Senior middle linebacker Kirk Morrison, the MWC Defensive Player of the Year in 2003, is the leader. Morrison had 115 tackles (17 for a loss) last season and forced four fumbles. He vows that his best football is still to come.

Linebacker Matt McCoy led the Mountain

West in tackles per game (10.4). Two other productive players (Stephen Larsen and Heath Farwell) share the other outside linebacker post.

Free safety Marviel Underwood heads the secondary. Strong safety Josh Dean and cornerback Jacob Elimimian also are returning starters. It will be a chore to replace cornerback Jeff Shoate, a three-year starter. Senior Hubert Caliste is the favorite. Another possibility is moving Marcus Demps from safety to cornerback.

Sophomore tackle Jonathan Bailes is the lone returning starter on the defensive line. Freddie McCutcheon will eventually be the other tackle, although he'll miss the first four games over an issue with his qualifying test score from two years ago. Blake Lobel and Va'ati Maka are candidates to open the season. Robert Miller will likely start at one end with promising youngsters Antwan Applewhite, Nicholas Osborn and junior college transfer Martin Miller also in the mix.

## Specialists

The Aztecs have no proven commodities to handle placekicking and punting duties. Redshirt freshman Michael Hughes will take over the punting. Another first-year player, Garrett Palmer, is the favorite to handle the kicking.

The Aztecs desperately need to spruce up their return game. Redshirt freshman Brandon Bornes will be one of the kick returners, and senior Kyle Conerly will be the punt returner for a third consecutive season.

## Final Analysis

It's contention time for San Diego State. Coach Tom Craft is in his third year and the Aztecs have a veteran team for the first time during his tenure. The Aztecs feature one of the nation's stingiest defenses. If the offense can become more productive — improved play at quarterback and a quick rebuilding of an offensive line that lost three starters are the key factors — the Aztecs could find themselves near the top of the Mountain West race.

## MWC Prediction: 2nd



Kirk Morrison

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	19 Jeff Webb (Jr.)	84 Wesley Williams (Sr.)
FL	11 Devin Pitts (Sr.)	1 Chazary Schilens (Fr.)
SL	80 Robert Ortiz (Jr.)	16 Brett Swain (Fr.)
LT	76 Will Robinson (Fr.)	Robert Nelson (Jr.)
LG	Taylor Schmidt (Jr.)	75 Patrick Justman (So.)
C	72 Jasper Harvey (Jr.)	50 Danny Negrete (Jr.)
RG	Chris Pino (Jr.)	62 Brandyn Dombrowski (Fr.)
RT	74 Mike Kracalik (Sr.)	71 Mike Kravetz (Fr.)
TE	81 Jeremy Justice (Sr.)	Lance Louis (Fr.)
QB	15 Matt Dlugolecki (Jr.)	7 Kevin O'Connell (Fr.)
RB	22 Lynell Hamilton (So.)	20 Michael Franklin (Jr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	93 Antwan Applewhite (Fr.)	Martin Miller (Jr.)
DT	99 Jonathan Bailes (So.)	91 Lex Maka (Sr.)
DT	55 Freddie McCutcheon (So.)	46 Blake Lobel (Sr.)
DE	95 Robert Miller (Jr.)	94 Nicholas Osborn (Fr.)
WLB	43 Matt McCoy (Jr.)	51 Joe Martin (So.)
MLB	34 Kirk Morrison (Sr.)	33 Freddie Keiaho (Jr.)
SLB	45 Stephen Larsen (Sr.)	44 Heath Farwell (Sr.)
CB	39 Jacob Elimimian (Jr.)	9 Terrell Maze (So.)
CB	10 Hubert Caliste (Sr.)	21 Marcus Demps (Jr.)
FS	5 Marviel Underwood (Sr.)	31 Reggie Grigsby (Jr.)
SS	42 Josh Dean (Sr.)	21 Marcus Demps (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	18 Garrett Palmer (Fr.)	KR	37 Brandon Bornes (Fr.)
P	17 Michael Hughes (Fr.)	PR	6 Kyle Conerly (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt Dlugolecki, 228-133-1,248-8, 4 TDs  
**Rushing:** Lynell Hamilton, 234 car., 1,087 yds., 4 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jeff Webb, 55 rec., 706 yds., 4 TDs  
**Tackles:** Matt McCoy, 125, 75 solo  
**Sacks:** Matt McCoy, 4  
**Interceptions:** Jacob Elimimian, 4 for 106 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	San Jose State	W
S. 11	Nevada	W
S. 18	at Michigan	L
<b>O. 2</b>	<b>at UCLA</b>	*
O. 9	at Wyoming	W
O. 16	Colorado State	W
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>at New Mexico</b>	*
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>Utah</b>	*
N. 6	at BYU	W
N. 13	at Air Force	W
N. 20	UNLV	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Eastern Wash.	W	19-9
S. 6	at Ohio State	L	13-16
S. 13	at UTEP	W	34-0
S. 20	Samford	W	37-17
S. 27	at UCLA	L	10-20
O. 4	BYU	L	36-44
O. 11	at Utah	L	6-27
O. 18	New Mexico	L	7-30
O. 25	Wyoming	W	25-20
N. 8	at UNLV	W	7-0
N. 15	at Colorado State	L	6-21
N. 22	Air Force	W	24-3

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.7 ppg	102
Rushing	122.5 ypg	88
Passing	217.4 ypg	60
Total	339.9 ypg	88
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.3 ppg	13
Rushing	129.5 ypg	32
Passing	160.3 ypg	4
Total	289.8 ypg	8
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Tom Craft

2003 Record (MWC): 6-6 (3-4)





## Offense

People rolled their eyes last year when Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said his offense wouldn't miss a beat without Kliff Kingsbury. When Leach talks about his current offense's explosive potential — even without B.J. Symons — those same people are nodding their heads approvingly. Another poised senior is waiting in the wings in Sonny Cumbie, who completed 62.5 percent of his passes last season in mop-up duties. And elusive junior college transfer Robert Johnson also appears capable of guiding the Tech attack.

Tiny Taurean Henderson is one of the most versatile backs in the Big 12, rushing for 736 yards and 10 touchdowns and adding another 611 receiving yards and six touchdowns. While Tech loses three top receivers, the return of the explosive Nehemiah Glover (77 catches for 1,081 yards) and several other talented receivers should keep opposing defenders on edge.

In 2003, Tech's offensive line was better than it's ever been during Leach's regime, surrendering 19 fewer sacks than in the previous season. With four returning starters, the 2004 unit could be even better. Left tackle Daniel Loper is a dominant force and an All-Big 12 candidate.

### NUMBERS GAME

**1/12** Tech's offense ranked No. 1 in the Big 12 in yards per game (582.8). But Tech was also last in the league in total defense (453.4 per contest).

## Defense

The Red Raiders are developing quite a reputation for producing outstanding defensive linemen. The next star end in the lineup is Adell Duckett, a menacing, lightning-quick pass rusher who led the Big 12 and set single-season Texas Tech school records in sacks (14) and tackles for a loss (24.5) in 2003. The rest of

the defensive front is not quite as stellar, which is why Tech signed three junior college transfers (Deke Bake, Brett Bischofberger and Charles Glover) to solidify the unit.

Brock Stratton, John Saldi and Mike Smith have a chance to form an impressive linebacking corps. Stratton is a solid run-stopper in the middle, recording 95 tackles last season. Smith and Saldi combined for another 94 stops. Junior college transfer Sylvester Brinkley adds good speed and should bolster an improving unit.

Junior free safety Vincent Meeks is the new leader of the Tech secondary after intercepting four passes and recording 54 tackles in 2003. Tech also returns two starting cornerbacks in Chad Johnson and Jabari Smith, while sophomore Antonio Huffman has shown impressive signs of progress. But the secondary remains an area of concern. Tech was 10th in the Big 12, allowing 256.3 passing yards per game.

## Specialists

Perhaps the greatest punt returner in the history of college football, Wes Welker, is gone. But the Raiders still have some special specialists, beginning with punter Alex Reyes, who averaged 43.0 yards per kick as a freshman. Placekicker Keith Toogood provides decent range, hitting 7-of-10 field goals from between 20 and 39 yards.

## Final Analysis

To take the next step, Tech must make dramatic improvements on defense. With nine defensive starters back, the Raiders will be older than last year when Tech allowed 34 points per game. And with the addition of five junior college transfers on defense, vast improvements may be possible. Even without Symons, the Tech offense features plenty of firepower. But the old cliché about defense winning championships still holds true. The Raiders do not need to be a great defense to rise in the South, but they must make great improvements.

## Big 12 South Prediction: 4th



Taurean Henderson

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	7	Trey Haverty (Sr.)	85	Gabe Hall (So.)
WR	88	Jarrett Hicks (So.)	11	Brandon Douglas (So.)
WR*	6	Nehemiah Glover (Sr.)	24	Cody Fuller (Jr.)
LT	60	Daniel Loper (Sr.)	69	Glenn January (So.)
LG	64	Cody Campbell (Sr.)	68	Daniel Christian (Jr.)
C	77	Dylan Gandy (Sr.)	73	Brandon Jones (So.)
RG	63	Manuel Ramirez (So.)	61	Michael Bailey (Jr.)
RT	75	E.J. Whitley (Jr.)	62	Bryan Kegans (Jr.)
IR	3	Thomas Bachman (So.)	83	Slade Hodges (Jr.)
QB	15	Sonny Cumbie (Sr.)	10	Cody Hodges (Jr.)
RB	19	Taurean Henderson (Jr.)	4	Johnnie Mack (Sr.)
RB	47	Clay McGuire (Sr.)	34	Osazee Eguae (So.)

### Defense (9)

DE	92	Seth Nitschmann (So.)	43	Brett Bischofberger (Jr.)
NT	93	Chris Hudler (So.)	97	Fred Threweatt (Jr.)
DT	99	Ken Scott (So.)	90	P. Majondo-Mwamba (Sr.)
DE	91	Adell Duckett (Sr.)	96	Keyunta Dawson (So.)
SLB	5	John Saldi (Jr.)	48	Paul Williams (So.)
MLB	45	Brock Stratton (So.)	23	Jeremy Woods (Sr.)
WLB	46	Mike Smith (Sr.)	42	Fletcher Session (So.)
CB	12	Chad Johnson (So.)	18	Jamaal Jackson (Sr.)
CB	36	Antonio Huffman (So.)	34	Jabari Smith (Sr.)
SS	33	Josh Rangel (Sr.)	47	Joe Garcia (Fr.)
FS	1	Vincent Meeks (Jr.)	2	Raymond Pierce (Sr.)

### Special Teams

K	40	Keith Toogood (So.)	KR	1	Vincent Meeks (Jr.)
P	22	Alex Reyes (So.)	PR	6	Nehemiah Glover (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Sonny Cumbie, 56-35-340-1, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Taurean Henderson, 124 car., 736 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Taurean Henderson, 78 rec., 611 yds., 6 TDs  
**Tackles:** Brock Stratton, 95, 61 solo  
**Sacks:** Adell Duckett, 14  
**Interceptions:** Vincent Meeks, 4 for 87 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive positions reflect Tech's multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at SMU	W
S. 11	at New Mexico	W
S. 18	TCU	*
S. 25	at Kansas	W
O. 2	at Oklahoma	L
O. 9	Nebraska	L
O. 23	Texas	L
O. 30	at Kansas State	L
N. 6	Baylor	W
N. 13	at Texas A&M	*
N. 27	Oklahoma State	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	SMU	W	58-10
S. 6	New Mexico	W	42-28
S. 20	at NC State	L	21-49
S. 27	at Ole Miss	W	49-45
O. 4	Texas A&M	W	59-28
O. 11	Iowa State	W	52-21
O. 18	at Oklahoma State	L	49-51
O. 25	at Missouri	L	31-62
N. 1	Colorado	W	26-21
N. 8	at Baylor	W	62-14
N. 15	at Texas	L	40-43
N. 22	Oklahoma	L	25-56
D. 30	#Navy	W	38-14

#Houston Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	42.5 ppg	4
Rushing	107.5 ypg	104
Passing	475.3 ypg	1
Total	582.8 ypg	1
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.0 ppg	101
Rushing	197.1 ypg	97
Passing	256.3 ypg	100
Total	453.4 ypg	106
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.62	101

Head Coach: Mike Leach

2003 Record (Big 12): 8-5 (4-4)





## Offense

Only one Conference USA team that finished with a winning record put up fewer points than the Golden Eagles. Southern Miss averaged 22.5 points per game, ahead of only UAB, East Carolina and Army.

But second-year offensive coordinator Rip Scherer has his quarterback situation settled with junior Dustin Almond and an improving situation at running back with veteran Anthony Harris and several promising newcomers.

"We are so much farther ahead offensively than we were a year ago," USM coach Jeff Bower says. "Last year it was a new offense and a new staff. It's a night and day difference this year."

Almond took over at mid-season and contributed to a second-half run that earned Southern Miss the C-USA title and a berth in the Liberty Bowl. Almond passed for 1,877 yards and 13 touchdowns, and Harris rushed for 671 yards on a 4.2-yard average.

While Bower admits the Golden Eagles are thin at wide receiver, there is experience among the starters, led by senior Marvin Young. Young uses his strength to make yards after the catch, while senior DaRon Lawrence makes the difficult catches over the middle.

## NUMBERS GAME

**293** Linebacker Michael Boley has made 293 tackles over the past two seasons. It's a total that includes 38 tackles for lost yardage.

## Defense

Linebacker Michael Boley should be a cult hero in Hattiesburg this fall. Boley, who could have opted to enter the NFL Draft after a decorated junior season, decided to return and limit Southern Miss' defensive losses.

Even so, the Golden Eagles have seven new defensive starters. Boley gives the unit an anchor, not to mention an All-America candi-

date. He had 22.5 tackles for a loss and 11 sacks and uses his speed, instincts and athleticism to routinely record double-digit tackle totals.

Southern Miss hasn't faced such a major rebuilding project on defense since 2001. It made for a busy spring for coordinator Tyrone Nix, who had to find new starters at each position in the secondary. He added several players from the offense, worked in two mid-semester junior college transfers and welcomed a highly regarded redshirt freshman — Robert Henderson — to the defensive line.

## Specialists

Two nationally ranked return men are back, along with kicker Darren McCaleb, a freshman All-American last year.

Returning kickoffs will be Eubanks, who finished fourth nationally with a 29.4 average and had a 94-yard touchdown against Cincinnati. Returning punts will be Marvin Young, who ranked 10th nationally with a 13.6 average and had an 87-yard punt return against Memphis.

McCaleb was 14-of-17 on field goals, including 11-of-12 inside the 40. Punter Luke Johnson, a junior, also is back after averaging 42.1 yards on a conference-high 79 kicks.

## Final Analysis

Besides not getting too banged up by a non-conference schedule that features a home game against California and trips to Nebraska and Alabama, USM must successfully replace seven defensive starters. It's an enormous overhaul for Nix, but there always seems to be enough talent on hand for the Golden Eagles to recover. Henderson could be the key to the defensive line's success, and the secondary has a budding first-team all-conference performer in Trevis Coley.

Offensively, the Golden Eagles have a more settled situation at quarterback with Almond back and potential standouts at running back in incoming freshmen C.J. Barrows and Cole Mason.

## C-USA Prediction: 3rd



Courtland Richards

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

SE	85 DaRon Lawrence (Sr.)	83 Anthony Perine (So.)
FL	80 Antwon Courington (Jr.)	81 Chris Rhoden (Fr.)
WR*	88 Marvin Young (Sr.)	25 Adam Hurst (Fr.)
LT	66 Chris White (Sr.)	73 Neal Mead (Jr.)
LG	55 Travis Cooley (So.)	71 Bradley Worthington (Jr.)
C	67 Addaryl Edwards (Sr.)	56 Robby D'Angelo (So.)
RG	70 George Batiste (So.)	54 Kendel Wheeler (Jr.)
RT	77 Jeremy Parquet (Sr.)	72 Myrone Powe (Sr.)
TE	19 Otho Graves (Sr.)	38 Patrick Corbett (Sr.)
QB	9 Dustin Almond (Jr.)	2 Damion Carter (So.)
FB	34 Wayne Hardy (So.)	Cole Mason (Fr.)
TB	3 Anthony Harris (Jr.)	28 Tim Blackwell (Sr.)

### Defense (4)

DE	90 Tom Johnson (Jr.)	50 Akeem Lockett (Jr.)
NT	96 Chad Ruffin (Sr.)	95 Terrance Ford (Jr.)
DT	92 Eric Scott (Sr.)	99 Greg Casnave (So.)
BAN	45 Robert Henderson (Fr.)	40 LeVon Pears (Sr.)
SLB	27 Michael Boley (Sr.)	32 Terry Anderson (Sr.)
MLB	51 Dillon Clecikler (Sr.)	45 Kevis Coley (Jr.)
WLB	42 Antoine Cash (Sr.)	49 Naton Stewart (Jr.)
CB	15 Seth Cumble (Sr.)	8 Howard Overby (Jr.)
CB	1 John Eubanks (Jr.)	21 Jasper Faulk (So.)
SS	26 Pierre Hutchins (Sr.)	7 Nate Young (Sr.)
FS	18 Trevis Coley (Jr.)	31 John Archie (So.)

### Special Teams

K	16 Darren McCaleb (So.)	KR	1 John Eubanks (Jr.)
P	17 Luke Johnson (Jr.)	PR	88 Marvin Young (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Dustin Almond, 251-121-1,877-7, 13 TDs  
**Rushing:** Anthony Harris, 158 car., 671 yds., 7 TDs  
**Receiving:** Marvin Young, 42 rec., 703 yds., 7 TDs  
**Tackles:** Michael Boley, 151, 101 solo  
**Sacks:** Michael Boley, 11  
**Interceptions:** Trevis Coley, 3 for 18 yds.

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 \*The 12 offensive players reflect Southern Miss' multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 11	at Nebraska	L
S. 18	California	L
S. 25	at Tulane	W
O. 2	at South Florida	W
O. 7	Houston	W
<b>O. 16</b>	<b>at Alabama</b>	*
O. 23	East Carolina	W
N. 6	Cincinnati	W
<b>N. 13</b>	<b>at Memphis</b>	*
N. 20	at TCU	L
N. 27	UAB	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at California	L	2-34
S. 4	at UAB	W	17-12
S. 13	Memphis	W	23-6
S. 25	Nebraska	L	14-38
O. 4	at Cincinnati	W	22-20
O. 11	at Alabama	L	3-17
O. 25	South Florida	W	27-6
N. 1	UL Lafayette	W	48-3
N. 8	at Houston	W	31-10
N. 15	Tulane	W	28-14
N. 20	TCU	W	40-28
N. 29	at East Carolina	W	38-21
D. 31	#Utah	L	0-17
#Liberty Bowl			

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.5 ppg	81
Rushing	122.1 ypg	89
Passing	202.8 ypg	74
Total	324.9 ypg	97
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.4 ppg	14
Rushing	155.7 ypg	61
Passing	174.0 ypg	5
Total	329.7 ypg	23
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

Head Coach: Jeff Bower

2003 Record (C-USA): 9-4 (8-0)



## Offense

The departure of the immensely popular — not to mention productive — Eli Manning leaves a significant void. You don't lose a Manning and not feel it. It's Micheal Spurlock's job to make sure the Rebels don't feel the loss too much. Spurlock, a fourth-year junior, has been waiting in the wings for quite some time. His game appearances have been limited to mop-up duty in non-conference action, but he knows the system. Although much shorter than Manning, Spurlock (5'11") has much more mobility and similar arm strength.

Coach David Cutcliffe says he will cater the offense to his quarterback's strengths. "I would expect to see us run the football and would expect to see some option," he says.

Helping Spurlock along will be a veteran offensive line with All-SEC potential among several members, particularly guards Marcus Johnson and Doug Buckles.

There are question marks but potential among the running backs. Junior Vashon Pearson had his moments last year and exited spring as the No. 1. August eyes will turn to Jamal Pittman, who showed promise before tearing an ACL in the middle of last year.

## NUMBERS GAME

**7** The seven starters lost on defense could hinder production, but the experience of backups pushed to starting roles and the speed of many newcomers make this an interesting group to watch.

When Spurlock rolls out, he'll have many of Manning's same targets. Bill Flowers has the best hands on the team. Mike Espy and Taye Biddle can get behind secondaries, but Biddle must become more dependable when he gets there.

## Defense

Seven starters are gone, but third-year defensive coordinator Chuck Driesbach has begun to

accumulate speed. New starters at both ends, Jayme Mitchell and Cory Robinson, will be called on to provide the same pass rush that Ole Miss got off the edge last season.

The secondary got better as the season progressed. The defensive backs could only improve after getting torched for an average of 400-plus yards in the Rebels' first four games. Ole Miss eventually finished 10th in the SEC in pass efficiency defense.

Travis Johnson returns at one cornerback; he's an athletic cover guy but one who brings feast or famine. "Travis has great ability, but he has to learn to focus better," Driesbach says.

Senior free safety Eric Oliver has led the team in tackles the past two seasons.

Ken Bournes and Rob Robertson are new starters at linebacker. The Rebels are experienced, though not spectacular at the down spots.

## Specialists

Lou Groza Award-winning kicker Jonathan Nichols returns, as does punter Cody Ridgeway, who was third in the SEC last year at 44.2 yards per attempt. Both are seniors.

Special teams coordinator Ron Middleton moved on to the NFL, so his job has been divvied up among the assistants.

## Final Analysis

For the Rebels to compete for the West title, as they did last year, Spurlock can get by with being pretty good and not great. If the offensive line plays to its potential, the running game should thrive. That benefits any quarterback, old or new.

Solid recent recruiting will make the defense better than one might expect for a unit that lost seven starters.

The schedule is tough early with neighborhood rival Memphis at home, then Alabama away. But if Spurlock develops as anticipated and the defense holds its own, November could again be a meaningful month for Ole Miss.

## SEC West Prediction: 3rd



Mike Espy

## Depth Chart

## Offense (6)

SE	84 Bill Flowers (Sr.)	87 Mario Hill (Jr.)
FL	11 Mike Espy (Jr.)	7 Taye Biddle (Jr.)
WR*	2 Kerry Johnson (Sr.)	23 Matt Pierce (So.)
LT	75 Bobby Harris (Jr.)	66 Antonio Sanders (So.)
LG	62 Doug Buckles (Sr.)	52 James McCoy (So.)
C	73 Chris Spencer (Jr.)	65 Tony Bonds (Jr.)
RG	76 Marcus Johnson (Sr.)	63 Ryan Jones (Jr.)
RT	70 Tre Stallings (Jr.)	77 Marcus Cohen (Fr.)
TE	80 Eric Rice (Sr.)	88 Lawrence Lilly (So.)
QB	16 Micheal Spurlock (Jr.)	15 Robert Lane (Fr.)
RB	24 Vashon Pearson (Jr.)	21 Jamal Pittman (So.)
FB	42 Rick Razzano (Sr.)	33 Lorenzo Townsend (Sr.)

## Defense (4)

DE	77 Jayme Mitchell (Jr.)	92 Dedrick Clark (So.)
DT	68 McKinley Boykin (Jr.)	91 Andrew Wicker (So.)
NT	61 Daniel Booth (Sr.)	72 Michael Bozeman (Jr.)
DE	96 Cory Robinson (Sr.)	56 Vicente DeLoach (Fr.)
MLB	45 Ken Bournes (Sr.)	57 Brian Lester (Sr.)
SLB	81 Rob Robertson (Sr.)	49 Patrick Willis (So.)
CB	9 Travis Johnson (Jr.)	28 Nate Banks (Fr.)
CB	3 Trumaine McBride (So.)	4 Bryan Brown (So.)
SS	39 Kelvin Robinson (Jr.)	31 Iroko Ayodele (Sr.)
FS	26 Eric Oliver (Sr.)	33 Thad Rhodes (Jr.)
WS	20 Charles Clark (So.)	44 Danny Bell (So.)

## Specialists

K	86 Jonathan Nichols (Sr.)	KR	4 Bryan Brown (So.)
P	97 Cody Ridgeway (Sr.)	PR	11 Mike Espy (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Michael Spurlock, 8-7-118-0, 2 TDs  
**Rushing:** Vashon Pearson, 94 car., 398 yds., 4 TDs  
**Receiving:** Bill Flowers, 39 rec., 543 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Eric Oliver, 104, 73 solo  
**Sacks:** Ken Bournes, 3.5  
**Interceptions:** Travis Johnson, 4 for 62 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive players represent Ole Miss' multiple formations.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Memphis	*
S. 11	at Alabama	*
S. 18	Vanderbilt	W
S. 25	at Wyoming	W
O. 2	Arkansas State	W
O. 9	at South Carolina	*
O. 16	Tennessee	L
O. 30	Auburn	L
N. 13	at Arkansas	W
N. 20	at LSU	L
N. 25	Mississippi State	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Vanderbilt	W	24-21
S. 6	at Memphis	L	34-44
S. 13	UL Monroe	W	59-14
S. 27	Texas Tech	L	45-49
O. 4	at Florida	W	20-17
O. 11	Arkansas State	W	55-0
O. 18	Alabama	W	43-28
O. 25	Arkansas	W	19-7
N. 1	South Carolina	W	43-40
N. 8	at Auburn	W	24-20
N. 22	LSU	L	14-17
N. 27	at Miss. State	W	31-0
J. 2	#Oklahoma State	W	31-28
	#Cotton Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.0 ppg	17
Rushing	147.2 ypg	64
Passing	286.0 ypg	15
Total	433.2 ypg	22
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	35
Rushing	102.5 ypg	14
Passing	276.1 ypg	109
Total	378.5 ypg	59
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.46	28

Head Coach: David Cutcliffe

2003 Record (SEC): 10-3 (7-1)





## Offense

Stefan LeFors had thrown only 16 passes in his first two seasons as the understudy to Dave Ragone. It didn't appear to stunt his development as a quarterback. Behind his leadership, the Cardinals set a school records for total offense (6,355 yards), rushing (2,966 yards) and points (450) and finished fifth nationally with an average of 489 yards per game. LeFors, an accurate lefty, was aided by a trio of running backs — Lionel Gates, Eric Shelton and Michael Bush — who rushed for more than 2,100 yards and 27 touchdowns.

The team's success offensively shouldn't have surprised those close to the program. Coach Bobby Petrino, who is back for his second season, was a record-setting offensive coordinator under former U of L coach John L. Smith in 1998 before departing for the NFL.

With eight starters back on offense, Louisville may be establishing more offensive records as it plays its final season as a Conference USA member before jumping to the Big East. Petrino says one area his potent offense can improve is having its receivers work on "running after the catch."

### NUMBERS GAME

**6.961** The Cardinals averaged 6.961 yards per play last season, which ranked second in the nation behind Texas Tech (6.963).

## Defense

If the Cardinals are to vastly improve last year's disappointing defensive numbers, the transformation could begin up front, where three starters — end Marcus Jones and tackles Montavious Stanley and Bobby Leffew — return. Jones was one of the top pass rushers in the conference last season. They'll be joined by Shane Bailey at the other end, with depth provided by Elvis Dumervil and Amobi Okoye.

Three starters — Antoine Harris, Brent Johnson and Kerry Rhodes — are back in the secondary after solid seasons. Sophomore William Gay, a spot starter in 2003, has the potential to be a dominant corner. A converted wide receiver, Harris should benefit from going through his first full spring at cornerback. Despite being a newcomer to the secondary, Harris still had 51 tackles, six pass breakups and tied for the team lead with three interceptions.

Broderick Clark hopes to shake off the injuries that plagued him a year ago to return to the form that made him one of the nation's top kick returners in 2002. The Cards welcome back punter Brent Moody, who enjoyed a solid freshman, but they'll have to find a new place-kicker. Arthur Carmody, who was redshirted last season, is a former prep all-state performer with an accurate leg.

## Specialists

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## Final Analysis

If the Cardinals are to finish their Conference USA run with a title, they'll need to get an assist from a porous defense, one that couldn't stop anyone by season's end. New coordinator Mike Cassity, a former defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Illinois, brings 28 years of experience. And he'll have a little bit more to work with than the Cards' previous coordinator, including Bush and several others from the offense. Bush dropped 10 pounds — to 240 — and was expected to receive intense training at safety during the spring, but he broke a bone in his foot on the first day of workouts.

Petrino says it's imperative that the Cards establish on defense the same confidence that the offense displayed a year ago. If it does, the Cards could find themselves celebrating a C-USA title in the Liberty Bowl.

## C-USA Prediction: 4th



Stefan LeFors

Scott Boehm

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	3 J.R. Russell (Sr.)	2 Tiger Jones (Sr.)
WR	4 Broderick Clark (Jr.)	86 Montrell Jones (Jr.)
WR	9 Joshua Tinch (Sr.)	85 Harry Douglas (Fr.)
LT	78 Travis Leffew (Jr.)	74 Jeremy Darveau (Jr.)
LG	59 Jason Spitz (Jr.)	63 Danny Barlowe (Fr.)
C	70 Will Rabatin (Sr.)	71 P.J. Tavarczyk (So.)
RG	76 Kurt Quarterman (Jr.)	75 Bubba Marshall (Jr.)
RT	79 Renardo Foster (So.)	53 Michael Sturgeon (So.)
QB	17 Stefan LeFors (Sr.)	Brian Brohm (Fr.)
FB	45 Adam McCauley (Sr.)	47 Deriontae Taylor (So.)
RB	32 Eric Shelton (Jr.)	23 Lionel Gates (Sr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	49 Shane Bailey (Fr.)	58 Elvis Dumervil (Jr.)
DT	48 Bobby Leffew (Sr.)	91 Amobi Okoye (So.)
DT	92 Montavious Stanley (Jr.)	61 Jeremy Seguin (Jr.)
DE	56 Marcus Jones (Sr.)	50 Chad Rimpsey (Jr.)
SLB	6 Preston Smith (Fr.)	97 Brandon Johnson (Jr.)
MLB	54 Robert McCune (Sr.)	52 Jonathon Jackerson (Sr.)
WLB	44 Willie Johnson (Fr.)	43 Abe Brown (So.)
CB	25 Antoine Harris (Sr.)	8 Early McCray (Fr.)
CB	21 William Gay (So.)	5 Antoine Sharp (Jr.)
SS	30 Brent Johnson (Sr.)	11 Malik Jackson (Fr.)
FS	1 Kerry Rhodes (Sr.)	35 Brandon Sharp (So.)

## Special Teams

K	18 Arthur Carmody (Fr.)	KR	4 Broderick Clark (Jr.)
P	15 Brent Moody (Sr.)	PR	20 Robert Haskins (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Stefan LeFors, 357-219-3,145-10, 17 TDs  
 Rushing: Lionel Gates, 141 car., 817 yds., 11 TDs  
 Receiving: J.R. Russell, 75 rec., 1,213 yds., 8 TDs  
 Tackles: Robert McCune, 143, 83 solo  
 Sacks: Marcus Jones, 10  
 Interceptions: Antoine Harris, 3 for 0 yds.  
 Kerry Rhodes, 3 for 33 yds.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 5	Kentucky	W
S. 11	at Army	W
S. 18	at Tulane	W
S. 25	at North Carolina	W
O. 2	East Carolina	W
O. 14	at Miami	L
O. 22	South Florida	W
N. 2	at Memphis	*
N. 9	TCU	*
N. 20	at Houston	W
N. 27	Cincinnati	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 31	at Kentucky	W	40-24
S. 13	at Syracuse	W	30-20
S. 20	UTEP	W	42-14
S. 27	Temple	W	21-12
O. 4	at S. Florida	(2ot) L	28-31
O. 11	Army	W	34-10
O. 17	Tulane	W	47-28
O. 25	at East Carolina	W	36-20
N. 5	at TCU	L	28-31
N. 15	Memphis	L	7-37
N. 22	Houston	W	66-45
N. 28	at Cincinnati	W	43-40
D. 18	#Miami (OH)	L	28-49

#GMAC Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.6 ppg	15
Rushing	228.2 ypg	10
Passing	260.7 ypg	29
Total	488.9 ypg	5
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	72
Rushing	170.3 ypg	76
Passing	258.3 ypg	103
Total	428.6 ypg	93
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.23	47

Head Coach: Bobby Petrino

2003 Record (C-USA): 9-4 (5-3)

(#) indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters





## Offense

During its most successful Big 12 seasons, Colorado won games with a power running attack. But after a 2003 season in which the running game was more punchless than punishing, the Buffs' main point of emphasis will be to get its running groove back. The CU running game ranked 113th in the nation in 2003.

Senior tailback Bobby Purify, who sat out the bulk of last season with an ankle injury that required surgery, returns after taking a medical redshirt. Quarterback Joel Klatt is back after his successful debut last season as a sophomore.

Yet, the reliability of Klatt's receiving targets remains a mystery. Colorado graduated one of its most productive duos of all time in wide receivers Derek McCoy and D.J. Hackett, who combined for 141 receptions, 1,896 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2003. The door opens for a sophomore class headed by Blake Mackey. Senior Ron Monteilh is the best of the returning wideouts and will take on an expanded role.

At tight end, junior Joe Klopfenstein could be ready for a breakthrough season. He is firmly entrenched as the starter and will be spelled by senior Quinn Sypniewski, who is back after missing most of last season with a toe injury.

## NUMBERS GAME

**97** Colorado ranked 97th in the nation in total defense last season. The Buffs' struggles led to the firing of defensive coordinator Vince Okruch and the hiring of Mike Hankwitz.

## Defense

It will be a more attacking defense for the Buffs with the hiring of new defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz, known for directing some of college football's great defenses, such as the Wrecking Crew at Texas A&M.

The task that lies ahead of him at CU, however, is a difficult one. The Buffs had one of the nation's worst defensive units in 2003, ranking

97th in the nation after allowing 432.1 yards per game. Hankwitz understands the numbers and has a plan to improve them. His first edict is to switch CU from last year's 4-2-5 base to a 4-3 this season. A new position, "Buff linebacker," was created and will be filled by Brian Iwuh, who has moved around a good amount during his tenure at CU.

"We've got to cut down on the big plays," Hankwitz says. "That's probably the number one thing that hurt."

The return of end Marques Harris from a season-ending broken leg in 2003 should be a big boost to the defensive line. Harris was suspended during spring practice but is expected to be reinstated in the fall.

Colorado's linebacking corps is talented but thin. Its secondary, however, boasts young talent and is stocked nearly three deep.

## Specialists

Kicking-wise, the Buffs are as solid as they have been in years. Sophomores Mason Crosby and Kevin Eberhart are entrenched as the placekickers, while John Torp totes his 42.5-yard average from last season into 2004.

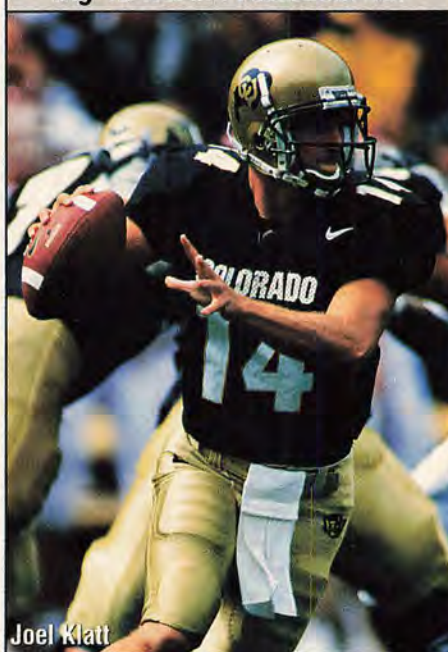
If return specialist Jeremy Bloom is not allowed to play college football by the NCAA in his fight over amateurism rules, then expect Stephone Robinson, J.J. Billingsley, Dusty Sprague and Terrence Wheatley to split punt and kick return duties.

## Final Analysis

The first order of business for Colorado is to improve its defense. Next, the Buffs must bolster a running game that didn't even average 100 yards in '03. Klatt is a year wiser, which helps, but his receivers are decidedly younger and largely inexperienced.

CU's schedule, particularly its non-conference slate, is easier than last season's opening gauntlet of Colorado State, UCLA, Washington State and Florida State.

## Big 12 North Prediction: 4th



Joel Klatt

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	4 Ron Monteilh (Sr.)	6 Stephone Robinson (Fr.)
WR	9 Blake Mackey (So.)	83 Dusty Sprague (Fr.)
ST	74 Sam Wilder (Sr.)	77 Tyler Polumbus (Fr.)
SG	66 Brian Daniels (So.)	63 Jack Tipton (So.)
C	58 Mark Fenton (So.)	62 John Guydon (Jr.)
TG	73 Clint O'Neal (Jr.)	61 Edwin Harrison (Fr.)
TT	52 Derek Stemrich (Sr.)	79 Gary Moore (Jr.)
TE	89 Joe Klopfenstein (Jr.)	45 Quinn Sypniewski (Sr.)
QB	14 Joel Klatt (Jr.)	10 James Cox (So.)
FB	17 Lawrence Vickers (Jr.)	8 Daniel Jolly (So.)
TB	2 Brian Calhoun (Jr.)	42 Bobby Purify (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	30 Marques Harris (Sr.)	Abraham Wright (So.)
NT	98 Brandon Dabdoub (Sr.)	93 Vaka Manupuna (Jr.)
DT	60 Matt McChesney (Sr.)	99 McKenzie Tilton (Sr.)
DE	82 James Garee (Jr.)	13 Chadd Evans (Fr.)
WLB	12 Akarika Dawn (Jr.)	28 Kyle Griffith (Jr.)
MLB	49 Thaddeus Washington (So.)	50 Chris Hollis (Jr.)
BLB	27 Brian Iwuh (Jr.)	55 Jason Ackermann (So.)
CB	1 Sammy Joseph (So.)	7 Vance Washington (Jr.)
CB	26 Terrence Wheatley (So.)	31 Gerrett Buri (So.)
FS	5 J.J. Billingsley (Jr.)	17 Tyrone Henderson (So.)
SS	18 Dominique Brooks (So.)	4 Chris Russell (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	16 Mason Crosby (So.)	KR	5 J.J. Billingsley (Jr.)
P	29 John Torp (Jr.)	PR	6 Stephone Robinson (Fr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Joel Klatt, 358-233-2,614-10, 21 TD  
 Rushing: Brian Calhoun, 195 car., 810 yds., 5 TD  
 Receiving: Brian Calhoun, 32 rec., 266 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: J.J. Billingsley, 94, 69 solo  
 Sacks: James Garee, 4  
 Interceptions: 3 players with 2 INTs

(#) indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Colorado State	W
S. 11	#Washington State	*
S. 18	North Texas	W
O. 2	at Missouri	L
O. 9	Oklahoma State	L
O. 16	Iowa State	W
O. 23	at Texas A&M	*
O. 30	Texas	L
N. 6	at Kansas	W
N. 13	Kansas State	L
N. 26	at Nebraska	L
	#Seattle, WA	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Colorado State	W	42-35
S. 6	UCLA	W	16-14
S. 13	Washington St.	L	26-47
S. 20	at Florida State	L	7-47
O. 4	at Baylor	L	30-42
O. 11	Kansas	W	50-47
O. 18	at Kansas State	L	20-49
O. 25	Oklahoma	L	20-34
N. 1	at Texas Tech	L	21-26
N. 8	Missouri	W	21-16
N. 15	at Iowa State	W	44-10
N. 28	Nebraska	L	22-31

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.6 ppg	63
Rushing	93.5 ypg	113
Passing	279.3 ypg	18
Total	372.8 ypg	66
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.2 ppg	98
Rushing	150.8 ypg	53
Passing	281.3 ypg	114
Total	432.1 ypg	97
TD Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	94

Head Coach: Gary Barnett

2003 Record (Big 12): 5-7 (3-5)





## Offense

The Crimson Tide lost a 1,300-yard rusher, an NFL-level guard and its top four receivers from a team ranked ninth in the SEC in scoring and 10th in total offense. Second-year coach Mike Shula and offensive coordinator Dave Rader welcome back skill talent that scored just six touchdowns, so green thumbs will be all over the ball for Bama.

On the positive side, junior quarterback Brodie Croyle should be healthy again after battling through left shoulder injuries all last year. Croyle should improve on his 16-to-13 touchdown-to-interception ratio with Miami transfer Marc Guillon bucking for playing time.

Ray Hudson leads a deep array of tailbacks, while Tim Castille, a superb pass-catcher, is expected to split time at fullback and tailback.

All-America candidate Wesley Britt's return to left tackle from a broken leg, plus personnel shuffling, make the offensive line a stress point.

The undersized receiving corps should be bolstered by a handful of true freshmen. The tight end slot is deep, but the top three missed spring with injuries.

## NUMBERS GAME

**2** Despite finishing the season with a 4-9 record, Alabama was outscored by its opponents by just two points for the season — 333-331. All Bama's wins came by double-figure margins, while it went 0-6 in games decided by eight points or less and 0-2 in overtime games.

## Defense

Alabama's strength is in its linebacking corps, where former starter Cornelius Wortham joins Freddie Roach, DeMeco Ryans and Juwan Garth.

The Crimson Tide has three good options at defensive tackle in Anthony Bryant, Jeremy Clark and Dominic Lee, while veterans Todd

Bates and Mark Anderson lead a thin group on the ends.

Ramzee Robinson's rise at cornerback opposite Anthony Madison allowed the staff to look at former corner Charlie Peprah at free safety, where Roman Harper departed to man the strong side. Without a pure lockdown corner, however, Alabama cannot afford to run as much man, keeping its safeties less aggressive versus the run. The ranks are thin in the secondary, so a quartet of freshmen will have ample opportunity to grab a spot on the two-deep.

## Specialists

Tyrone Prothro has great open-field instincts along with speed, and Brandon Brooks is shifty and can get lost on kickoff returns. Those two players, plus freshman Matt Caddell, should make the Tide potent in the return game.

Punter Bo Freelend could be one of the league's best if he discovers consistency. Placekicking snafus cost Bama two game-winning field goals and other missed kicks, though Brian Bostick still looks like the kicker to beat.

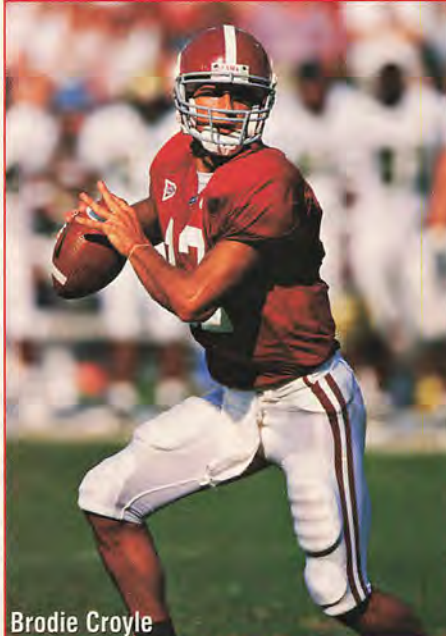
## Final Analysis

In its first bowl-eligible run since Dennis Franchione guided the Tide to the Independence Bowl in 2001 — two coaches ago — Alabama should be able to navigate a much softer schedule into the postseason.

Alabama could not find the killer instinct in Shula's debut, and lost every close game it was in. It would be fair to suggest the Tide should perform better in the clutch in year two of this regime.

Playmakers must rise up from the returnees as well as the true freshman class to help Croyle take this offense out of the mundane. Limited injuries and lots of good fortune could produce seven or more wins and a middle-tier SEC bowl; another spate of injuries, lack of cohesion on the offensive line and freshmen not ready to produce could spell another disaster.

## SEC West Prediction: 4th



Brodie Croyle

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	4 Tyrone Prothro (So.)	Nikita Stover (Fr.)
WR	11 Matt Caddell (Fr.)	D.J. Hall (Fr.)
LT	70 Wesley Britt (Sr.)	72 Chris Capps (Fr.)
LG	51 Evan Mathis (Sr.)	60 Von Ewing (Jr.)
C	74 J.B. Clossner (Jr.)	76 Travis West (Fr.)
RG	79 Danny Martz (Sr.)	71 Justin Moon (Fr.)
RT	85 Kyle Tatum (So.)	63 Mark Sanders (Jr.)
TE	87 David Cavan (Sr.)	31 Greg McLain (Jr.)
QB	12 Brodie Croyle (Jr.)	18 Marc Guillon (So.)
FB	29 Tim Castille (So.)	33 Le'Ron McClain (So.)
TB	27 Ray Hudson (Sr.)	34 Kenneth Darby (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	47 Mark Anderson (Jr.)	Lorenzo Washington (Fr.)
DT	99 Jeremy Clark (So.)	Justin Britt (Fr.)
DT	97 Anthony Bryant (Sr.)	96 Dominic Lee (So.)
DE	56 Todd Bates (Sr.)	92 Wallace Gilberry (Fr.)
WLB	42 Juwan Garth (So.)	44 Demarcus Waldrop (Fr.)
MLB	16 Cornelius Wortham (Sr.)	8 Freddie Roach (Jr.)
SLB	35 DeMeco Ryans (Jr.)	55 Terrence Jones (So.)
CB	9 Anthony Madison (Sr.)	Simeon Castille (Fr.)
CB	17 Ramzee Robinson (So.)	Travis Robinson (Fr.)
SS	41 Roman Harper (Jr.)	1 Thurman Ward (Sr.)
FS	26 Charlie Peprah (Jr.)	10 Carlos Andrews (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	22 Brian Bostick (Sr.)	KR	5 Brandon Brooks (Jr.)
P	24 Bo Freelend (Sr.)	PR	5 Brandon Brooks (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Brodie Croyle, 341-182-2,303-13, 16 TDs

Rushing: Ray Hudson, 100 car., 490 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Tim Castille, 21 rec., 129 yds., 0 TDs

Tackles: DeMeco Ryans, 126, 72 solo

Sacks: Mark Anderson, 3

Interceptions: Charlie Peprah, 4 for 93 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Utah State	W
S. 11	Ole Miss	*
S. 18	Western Carolina	W
S. 25	at Arkansas	W
O. 2	South Carolina	*
O. 9	at Kentucky	W
O. 16	Southern Miss	*
O. 23	at Tennessee	L
N. 6	Mississippi State	W
N. 13	at LSU	L
N. 20	Auburn	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	South Florida	W	40-17
S. 6	Oklahoma	L	13-20
S. 13	Kentucky	W	27-17
S. 20	Northern Illinois	L	16-19
S. 27	Arkansas (2ot)	L	31-34
O. 4	at Georgia	L	23-37
O. 11	Southern Miss	W	17-3
O. 18	at Ole Miss	L	28-43
O. 25	Tennessee (5ot)	L	43-51
N. 8	at Miss. State	W	38-0
N. 15	LSU	L	3-27
N. 22	at Auburn	L	23-28
N. 29	at Hawaii	L	29-37

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.5 ppg	69
Rushing	158.9 ypg	54
Passing	191.6 ypg	85
Total	350.5 ypg	79

Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.6 ppg	61
Rushing	132.5 ypg	36
Passing	227.8 ypg	72
Total	360.2 ypg	46

TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	57

Head Coach: Mike Shula

2003 Record (SEC): 4-9 (2-6)



## Offense

Miscommunication and lack of execution were the lowlights of a 6-7 mark in coach Karl Dorrell's first season, but a new offensive coordinator, another year of experience for the offensive line and the development of quarterback Drew Olson give the Bruins hope for the 2004 season.

Olson went 5-4 as a starter in 2003 but couldn't move the offense consistently. With Matt Moore no longer around — he transferred following the season — Olson won't have to look over his shoulder after every poor decision or badly thrown ball. Olson has one proven target in Craig Bragg, but the Bruins need someone to step up and replace academic casualty Tab Berry. UCLA would like to get 6'6" tight end Mercedes Lewis more involved in the offense.

The offensive line isn't deep — only nine scholarship linemen took part in spring ball — and it was one of the weakest units of an offense that ranked 110th in the nation in total yardage (294.9) and 100th in scoring (19.1). However, this unit returns all five starters and should be aided by new offensive line coach and offensive coordinator Tom Cable.

### NUMBERS GAME

**1** UCLA's offense scored more than two touchdowns in a game just one time last season — in a 46-16 blowout of Washington in early October.

Bruising back Manuel White needs to stay healthy for the running game to be successful. Tyler Ebell transferred to UTEP, so White will likely team with speedy but powerful Maurice Drew for what should be a productive tandem in the backfield.

## Defense

The Bruins lost their top five defensive linemen and star corner Matt Ware, who left early for the NFL. Dorrell went the junior college

route to plug some of the holes, especially on the line, and he found a pair of defensive ends who could start. Kyle Morgan comes from Pearl River (Miss.) Community College and will take the place of Dave Ball, who set a UCLA record with 16.5 sacks. Undersized but speedy Justin Hickman, a 6'1", 270-pound rush end from Glendale (Ariz.) Community College, is on the other side.

Jarrad Page and Ben Emanuel return at safeties, with Matt Clark on one corner. But opposing teams will likely pick on Ware's successor.

Finding a replacement for high-energy line-backer Brandon Chillar is also a must, but with Justin London and Spencer Havner back, this group should be solid.

## Specialists

Punter Chris Kluwe averaged 42.9 yards per attempt, but he needs to be more consistent. Placekicker Justin Medlock has big-time range and was 14-of-19 field goals last season.

## Final Analysis

Dorrell & Co. have recharged the batteries following last year's disappointing 6-7 season. Cable has been well-received and should have the Bruins' attack back on track. Cable has plenty of skill players to work with, but there are concerns on the offensive line, where strength and depth are issues. Defensively, UCLA should improve as the season progresses and experience is gained. This unit was often worn down last season because of the inability of the offense to keep the ball moving. Stopping the run is paramount, meaning UCLA may gamble and blitz more to force teams into mistakes.

Don't expect UCLA to be contending for the Pac-10 title in November, but the Bruins should be an improved club. This team is eager to erase the memories of a season-ending five-game losing streak that was capped off by a dreadful showing in the Silicon Valley Classic.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 5th



Craig Bragg

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

SE	26 Joe Cowan (So.)	1 Idris Moss (So.)
FL	87 Craig Bragg (Sr.)	8 Junior Taylor (Jr.)
ST	76 Steven Vieira (Sr.)	Brian Abraham (Fr.)
SG	64 Eyoseph Etseaff (Sr.)	67 P.J. Irvin (Fr.)
C	59 Mike McCloskey (Jr.)	54 Robert Chai (So.)
SG	78 Marc Villafuerte (So.)	74 Paul Mociler (Sr.)
ST	73 Ed Blanton (Jr.)	75 Robert Cleary (Jr.)
TE	19 Mercedes Lewis (Jr.)	89 Matt Raney (Jr.)
QB	14 Drew Olson (Jr.)	7 David Koral (Jr.)
FB	47 Pat Norton (Sr.)	29 Manuel White (Sr.)
TB	29 Manuel White (Sr.)	21 Maurice Drew (So.)

### Defense (5)

DE	17 Justin Hickman (So.)	44 Bruce Davis (Fr.)
DT	75 Kevin Brown (So.)	1 Junior Lemau'u (So.)
DT	97 C.J. Niusulu (Jr.)	90 Noah Sutherland (Fr.)
DE	98 Kyle Morgan (Jr.)	Brigham Harwell (Fr.)
OLB	40 Wesley Walker (Jr.)	48 William Snead (Fr.)
ILB	9 Justin London (Jr.)	43 Dan Nelson (So.)
ILB	41 Spencer Havner (Jr.)	31 Benjamin Lorier (Sr.)
CB	6 Matt Clark (Sr.)	19 Trey Brown (Fr.)
CB	20 Namdi Ohaeri (Jr.)	10 Mil'Von James (So.)
SS	4 Jarrad Page (Jr.)	36 Eric McNeal (So.)
FS	24 Ben Emanuel II (Sr.)	22 Dennis Keyes (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	7 Justin Medlock (So.)	KR	21 Maurice Drew (So.)
P	39 Chris Lurie (Sr.)	PR	87 Craig Bragg (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Drew Olson, 325-173-2,067-9, 10 TDs  
 Rushing: Maurice Drew, 135 car., 582 yds., 5 TDs  
 Receiving: Craig Bragg, 73 rec., 1,065 yds., 5 TDs  
 Tackles: Justin London, 98, 60 solo  
 Sacks: 3 players with 1 sack  
 Interceptions: 3 players with 3 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Oklahoma State	*
S. 11	at Illinois	W
S. 18	at Washington	*
O. 2	San Diego State	*
O. 9	Arizona	W
O. 16	at California	L
O. 23	at Arizona State	*
O. 30	Stanford	W
N. 6	Washington State	*
N. 13	at Oregon	L
D. 4	USC	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	at Colorado	L	14-16
S. 13	Illinois	W	6-3
S. 20	at Oklahoma	L	24-59
S. 27	San Diego State	W	20-10
O. 4	Washington	W	46-16
O. 11	at Arizona	W	24-21
O. 18	California	(ot) W	23-20
O. 25	Arizona State	W	20-13
N. 1	at Stanford	L	14-21
N. 8	at Wash. State	L	13-31
N. 15	Oregon	L	13-31
N. 22	at USC	L	22-47
D. 30	#Fresno State	L	9-17
	#Silicon Valley Classic		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.1 ppg	100
Rushing	91.9 ypg	114
Passing	203.0 ypg	73
Total	294.9 ypg	110
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.5 ppg	48
Rushing	116.9 ypg	23
Passing	200.7 ypg	32
Total	317.6 ypg	18
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	65

Head Coach: Karl Dorrell

2003 Record (Pac-10): 6-7 (4-4)





## Offense

Joe Paterno and new offensive coordinator Galen Hall are in a bind. Veteran lefty Zack Mills is on track to smash the school record for career passing yards. But he has yet to survive a season without injury.

The backup is athletically blessed Michael Robinson, who also has seen time at wideout, tailback and even fullback in his career. It would make sense to make Robinson a starter at another position. But with no proven depth behind the top two quarterbacks, the staff can't afford to move him.

So Robinson will stay at QB and perhaps see spot action as a receiver. Hall has a reputation for developing effective passers. He likes what he's seen of Mills and Robinson, calling them "two talented quarterbacks."

Sophomore tailbacks Austin Scott and Tony Hunt both struggled as rookies largely because they did not have defined roles. Scott has great feet and a nose for the hole. Hunt is more of a power back. Both have good hands, which will be a key in Hall's ball-control attack.

Paterno says his wideouts "are horrible" a year ago. Hope for improvement could rest with Terrell Golden, a rangy redshirt freshman with all of the tools (size, speed, good hands) to excel.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3** Penn State has had three losing seasons in the last four years. The Lions had one losing campaign in the six decades before that.

The offensive line will benefit from the return of center E.Z. Smith from a season-long disciplinary suspension and the implementation of more zone blocking schemes.

## Defense

The linebackers were soft and slow last season, so defensive coordinator Tom Bradley is using new faces. "We just have to get tougher," he says.

Fullback BranDon Snow has been plugged in at middle linebacker. Speedy sophomore Paul Posluszny is the odds-on favorite to man one outside spot. True freshman Dan Connor, the star of PSU's most recent recruiting class, will get every opportunity to win the other outside post.

A series of late-spring suspensions for off-field misbehavior caused the staff to mix things up on the defensive line, and a once-deep area could wind up thin. To compensate, two former starters at other positions — tackle Tamba Hali and linebacker Derek Wake — have been moved to end. At 270, Hali was too light to play inside. And the athletic Wake should help revive a nonexistent pass rush.

The Lions are still undersized in the middle though, as projected starting tackles Jay Alford and Scott Paxson each check in at about 280.

The only hole to fill in the secondary is at right corner, where Anwar Phillips gets first crack at replacing ace cover man Rich Gardner.

## Specialists

Despite a 2003 disaster that saw Penn State finish last in the NCAA in average yards per kickoff return and allow three punt returns for touchdowns, Paterno refuses to appoint a special teams coach. The specialty units are not THE priority for anyone.

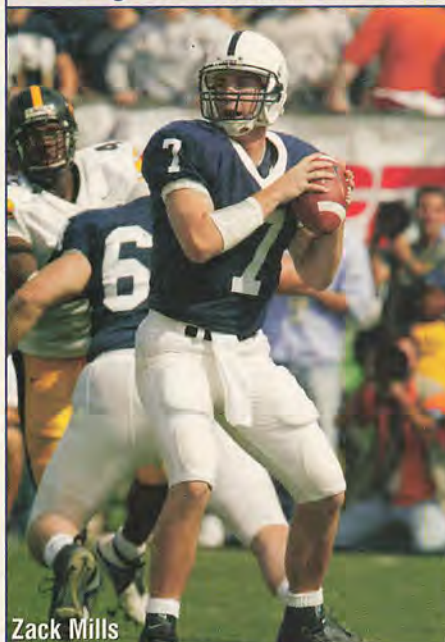
## Final Analysis

Paterno must tighten up his entire operation, starting with a coaching staff that was confused at times last season and continuing with players who have yet to deliver in clutch situations against quality opponents. Discipline — on and off the field — has been another issue.

How to fix it? It began in the spring, when the staff focused on basics while putting the Lions through some of the most brutal practices any of them have experienced.

The talent to go bowling is there. But it won't happen unless Paterno returns to his hard-line ways of old.

## Big Ten Prediction: 7th



Zack Mills

Bruce Schwartzman

## Depth Chart

### Offense (4)

SE	9 Terrance Phillips (Jr.)	11 Terrell Golden (Fr.)
FL	19 Gerald Smith (Sr.)	34 Gio Vendemia (Jr.)
LT	67 Levi Brown (So.)	68 John Wilson (Jr.)
LG	59 Charles Rush (Jr.)	54 Scott Davis (Sr.)
C	77 E.Z. Smith (Jr.)	66 Lance Antolick (Jr.)
RG	74 Tyler Reed (Jr.)	65 Robert Price (So.)
RT	50 Andrew Richardson (Jr.)	73 Joel Holler (Fr.)
TE	81 Isaac Smolko (Jr.)	87 John Bronson (Sr.)
QB	7 Zack Mills (Sr.)	12 Michael Robinson (Jr.)
FB	39 Paul Jefferson (Sr.)	47 Brian Gilmore (Jr.)
TB	33 Austin Scott (So.)	26 Tony Hunt (So.)

### Defense (4)

DE	94 Derek Wake (Sr.)	44 Patrick Hall (So.)
DT	41 Scott Paxson (Jr.)	78 John Shaw (So.)
DT	85 Jay Alford (So.)	95 Elijah Robinson (Fr.)
DE	91 Tamba Hali (Jr.)	54 Amani Purcell (Fr.)
OLB	40 Dan Connor (Fr.)	20 Tim Shaw (So.)
MLB	30 BranDon Snow (So.)	Dontey Brown (Fr.)
OLB	31 Paul Posluszny (So.)	35 J.R. Zwierzynski (So.)
CB	21 Alan Zemaitis (Jr.)	15 Brent Wise (Fr.)
CB	1 Anwar Phillips (Jr.)	6 Donnie Johnson (So.)
SS	27 Chris Harrell (Sr.)	10 Calvin Lowry (Jr.)
FS	18 Andrew Guman (Sr.)	29 Paul Cronin (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	4 Robbie Gould (Sr.)	KR	10 Calvin Lowry (Jr.)
P	36 Jeremy Kaposin (So.)	PR	10 Calvin Lowry (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Zack Mills, 251-136-1,404-5, 6 TDs  
**Rushing:** Austin Scott, 100 car., 436 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Terrance Phillips, 8 rec., 136 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Alan Zemaitis, 71, 49 solo  
**Sacks:** Laven Chisley, 4  
**Interceptions:** Alan Zemaitis, 4 for 207 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4 Akron	W
S. 11 at Boston College	L
S. 18 UCF	W
S. 25 at Wisconsin	L
O. 2 at Minnesota	L
O. 9 Purdue	L
O. 23 Iowa	L
O. 30 at Ohio State	L
N. 6 Northwestern	W
N. 13 at Indiana	W
N. 20 Michigan State	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30 Temple	W	23-10
S. 6 Boston College	L	14-27
S. 13 at Nebraska	L	10-18
S. 20 Kent State	W	32-10
S. 27 Minnesota	L	14-20
O. 4 Wisconsin	L	23-30
O. 11 at Purdue	L	14-28
O. 25 at Iowa	L	14-26
N. 1 Ohio State	L	20-21
N. 8 at Northwestern	L	7-17
N. 15 Indiana	W	52-7
N. 22 at Michigan St.	L	10-41

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.4 ppg	99
Rushing	122.0 ypg	90
Passing	191.3 ypg	86
Total	313.3 ypg	103
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.3 ppg	30
Rushing	209.1 ypg	104
Passing	153.3 ypg	3
Total	362.4 ypg	49
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	94

Head Coach: Joe Paterno

2003 Record (Big Ten): 3-9 (1-7)





## Offense

Sophomore Drew Stanton and redshirt freshman Stephen Reaves are competing to replace Jeff Smoker's 3,395 yards passing.

"It took Jeff until halfway through the season before the light went on," coach John L. Smith says. "I think the light will go on for one of these guys at some point this year."

Stanton sustained a knee injury while playing on punt coverage in the Alamo Bowl and saw limited reps in the spring. He has an edge in accuracy, but the coaches want him to be less mechanical and quicker with his delivery. The left-handed Reaves has a quick release, good zip and a swashbuckling nature.

Tyrell Dortch and Jaren Hayes moved to defense, taking their combined 888 yards rushing with them. Kickoff return demon DeAndre Cobb and bullish redshirt freshman Jehuu Caulcrick bring horsepower to the running back position. However, they are unproven.

"You don't want to be a team with running back by committee, but we may have to be that again," Smith says.

### NUMBERS GAME

**1,366** Jaren Hayes and Tyrell Dortch produced 1,366 yards of total offense last year. Both players are expected to play defense this year as John L. Smith tries to get his best 22 players on the field for maximum snaps.

Michigan State returns five players who had at least 25 catches, including dangerous slot man Agim Shabaj, tall targets Aaron Alexander and Matt Trannon, and blossoming deep threat Kyle Brown. Tight end Jason Randall is a strong blocker. He is a stiff but dependable receiver.

The offensive line should be functional. Two starters return — left tackle Stefon Wheeler and center Chris Morris. Morris, a quick technician, is improving rapidly. Wheeler is reliable.

## Defense

The front four is potentially terrific. Second-team All-Big Ten selection Clifford Dukes moves from strong-side defensive end to rush end. His productivity should increase. Coaches expected nose tackle Brandon McKinney to contend for all-star status last year, but he was lost for the season with a foot injury. If healthy and fit, he will be solid and possibly a force.

Inside linebackers Seth Mitchell and Ronald Stanley are experienced and dependable. "Stanley has been all over the field," Smith says. "He had a great spring."

Cornerback Roderick Maples is showing signs of shedding his inconsistency. "He should be a guy to take over and just have a great year," Smith says. "I would really expect that. I expect Hayes on the other side to step up and be the guy."

Eric Smith developed into a tackling machine at strong safety. But shoulder and knee injuries have cast doubt over his dependability. Jason Harmon is capable at either safety position.

## Specialists

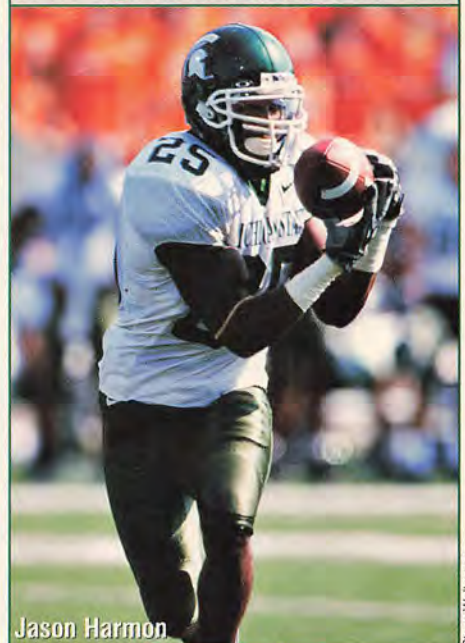
Dave Rayner was 22-of-29 on field goals. Punter Brandon Fields averaged 46.4 yards per attempt. Smith says the Spartans will have improved speed in the kicking game.

## Final Analysis

In order to get seven wins (bowl eligibility) or more, Michigan State needs quick development at quarterback and a pleasant surprise at running back. Without them, the Spartans' talented receivers and spread offense will have trouble getting in gear.

If the Spartans get improved coverage in the secondary, as Smith expects, then Michigan State will be able to increase defensive pressure and perhaps be among the conference's leaders in sacks and turnover margin again. That's the plan. It needs to come to fruition while a young offense matures.

## Big Ten Prediction: 8th



Jason Harmon

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	10 Aaron Alexander (Jr.)	6 Matt Trannon (Jr.)
WR	3 Kyle Brown (Jr.)	19 Irving Campbell (Fr.)
SL	2 Agim Shabaj (Jr.)	32 Jerramy Scott (So.)
LT	72 Stefon Wheeler (Jr.)	75 Pete Clifford (Fr.)
LG	74 Kyle Cook (So.)	60 Luis Fonseca (Fr.)
C	51 Chris Morris (Jr.)	54 John Masters (Fr.)
RG	76 William Whitticker (Sr.)	71 Gordon Niebylski (Jr.)
RT	79 Sean Poole (Sr.)	66 Mike Gyetvai (Fr.)
TE	81 Jason Randall (Sr.)	4 Eric Knott (Sr.)
QB	9 Stephen Reaves (Fr.)	5 Drew Stanton (So.)
RB	21 DeAndre Cobb (Sr.)	30 Jehuu Caulcrick (Fr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	59 Clifford Dukes (Sr.)	98 Daryl Melvin (Fr.)
DT	91 Kevin Vickerson (Sr.)	64 Brian Davies (Sr.)
DT	99 Brandon McKinney (Jr.)	70 Joe Toth (Fr.)
DE	92 Clifton Ryan (So.)	40 Michael Bazemore (Jr.)
MLB	44 Ronald Stanley (Sr.)	41 David Herron Jr. (So.)
WLB	48 Seth Mitchell (Jr.)	43 Kaleb Thornhill (Fr.)
Ban	34 Tyrell Dortch (Sr.)	43 Kaleb Thornhill (Fr.)
CB	31 Jaren Hayes (Jr.)	12 Ashton Watson (Jr.)
CB	17 Roderick Maples (Sr.)	22 Darren Barnett (Jr.)
SS	36 Eric Smith (Jr.)	5 Anthony Belasco (So.)
FS	25 Jason Harmon (Sr.)	29 Greg Cooper (So.)

### Special Teams

K	16 Dave Rayner (Sr.)	KR	21 DeAndre Cobb (Sr.)
P	8 Brandon Fields (So.)	PR	2 Agim Shabaj (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Damon Dowdell, 12-7-54-0, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Jaren Hayes, 145 car., 609 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Agim Shabaj, 57 rec., 692 yds., 5 TDs  
**Tackles:** Jason Harmon, 108, 64 solo  
**Sacks:** Clifford Dukes, 7  
**Interceptions:** Jason Harmon, 3 for 74 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Rutgers	*
S. 11	Central Michigan	W
S. 18	Notre Dame	*
S. 25	at Indiana	*
O. 2	at Iowa	L
O. 9	Illinois	W
O. 16	Minnesota	L
O. 30	at Michigan	L
N. 6	Ohio State	L
N. 13	Wisconsin	L
N. 20	at Penn State	*
D. 4	at Hawaii	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	W. Michigan	W	26-21
S. 6	Rutgers	W	44-28
S. 13	Louisiana Tech	L	19-20
S. 20	at Notre Dame	W	22-16
S. 27	Iowa	W	20-10
O. 4	Indiana	W	31-3
O. 11	at Illinois	W	49-14
O. 18	at Minnesota	W	44-38
N. 1	Michigan	L	20-27
N. 8	at Ohio State	L	23-33
N. 15	at Wisconsin	L	21-56
N. 22	Penn State	W	41-10
D. 29	#Nebraska	L	3-17

#Alamo Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.9 ppg	49
Rushing	97.4 ypg	111
Passing	270.0 ypg	23
Total	367.4 ypg	73
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.5 ppg	40
Rushing	124.8 ypg	27
Passing	255.2 ypg	97
Total	379.9 ypg	62
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.85	10

Head Coach: John L. Smith

2003 Record (Big Ten): 8-5 (5-3)



## Offense

The key reason for optimism is the return of senior quarterback Stan Hill, who starred through six games last year before a torn knee ligament ended his season. Hill completed 133-of-191 passes for 1,767 yards and 15 touchdowns with seven interceptions before going down. His 165.93 passer rating would have ranked second in the nation had he played enough to qualify.

Senior Earl Charles rushed for 1,039 yards and 12 touchdowns a year ago and might be the best running back in the league. A sound receiver who combines power and speed, Charles helped Marshall lead the league in rushing a year ago. Tank Tunstalle and Marcus Fitzgerald, the brother of Heisman Trophy finalist Larry Fitzgerald, back up Charles.

Senior Josh Davis opted to return for his senior season after seriously considering declaring himself for the NFL Draft. "Josh is a special player," coach Bob Pruett says of Davis, who caught 66 passes for 823 yards and six touchdowns in 2003 as the Herd's No. 2 receiver. "He has size, hands and speed. He's everything you'd want."

## NUMBERS GAME

**20** Marshall has posted 20 consecutive winning seasons. The streak began in 1984 and follows a string of 19 consecutive non-winning seasons.

Marshall's receiving corps is thin. Junior college transfer Mandell Smith will compete with sophomore Hiram Moore, seniors Brad Bates and Tremel Guillory and juniors Nate Manns and Wilbur Hargrove for playing time.

Left tackle Nate Griffin is a pro prospect. He and right guard Toby Bullock are the only returning starters on the line.

## Defense

Marshall led the MAC in total defense a year ago but needs to force more turnovers. The

Herd ranked 114th nationally in turnover margin and, although seven starters return, none had more than one interception in 2003.

"We have to create more turnovers," Pruett says. "Defensively, we need people to step up."

Senior ends Jonathan Goddard and Jamus Martin are high-energy playmakers. Goddard had 20.5 tackles for a loss, 6.5 sacks and two fumble returns for touchdowns last season. Martin had 80 tackles and 6.5 sacks. Reggie Hayes is a force at defensive tackle.

The linebacking corps is a fast, veteran bunch. Seniors Kevin Atkins, J.T. Rembert and Dionte Wilson are strong against the run.

Corners Willie Smith and Roberto Terrell are solid, but the safety spot is a problem. Senior Moriah Anderson is at free safety with sophomore Curtis Keyes at strong safety.

## Specialists

The kicking game is a concern. Klint Rose averaged just 38.5 yards per punt last year. Kicker Nick Kelly has limited range and will be challenged by Ian O'Connor. The return game is among the MAC's best, with Chris Royal, Wilbur Hargrove and others featuring outstanding speed.

## Final Analysis

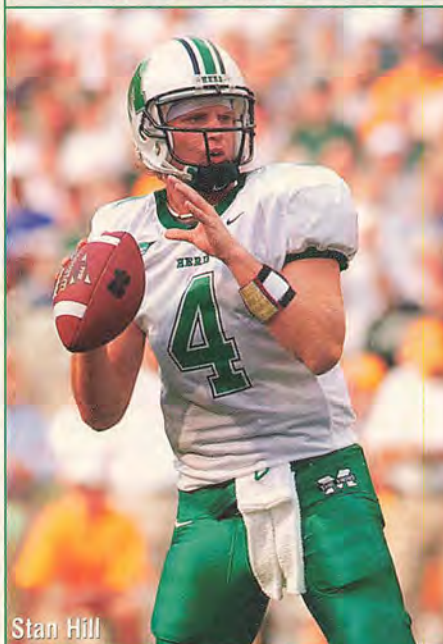
Marshall should contend for its sixth MAC title in eight years in its final season before leaving for Conference USA. The talent is there, but whether this team will come together better than last year's squad did remains to be seen.

Defense is a strength, especially at linebacker, but Marshall must improve against the pass.

Hill's return gives the offense a major boost, but unless someone other than Davis steps up at receiver, the passing game could suffer. Charles is an underrated runner who could have a big year if an inexperienced line comes together.

A Sept. 29 home game with Miami (Ohio) could decide the MAC East Division championship.

## MAC East Prediction: 1st



Stan Hill

Marshall SID

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	82 Josh Davis (Sr.)	22 Wilbur Hargrove (Jr.)
WR	80 Tremel Guillory (Sr.)	Mandell Smith (Jr.)
WR	7 Hiram Moore (So.)	83 Brad Bates (Sr.)
LT	60 Nate Griffin (Sr.)	94 Maurice White (Fr.)
LG	63 John Inman (Fr.)	79 Jesse Saito (Sr.)
C	55 Zac Elcess (Jr.)	75 Nate Howard (Fr.)
RG	56 Toby Bullock (Jr.)	72 Ryan Baynes (Jr.)
RT	73 Seth Cook (So.)	74 David Ziegler (Fr.)
TE	85 Jeff Mullins (Jr.)	86 Joe Deifel (Sr.)
QB	4 Stan Hill (Sr.)	11 Graham Gochneaur (Sr.)
RB	34 Earl Charles (Sr.)	43 Tank Tunstalle (So.)

### Defense (9)

DE	50 Jonathan Goddard (Sr.)	38 Damarcus Thomas (Jr.)
DT	98 Reggie Hayes (Sr.)	84 Adrian Davis (So.)
NT	96 Jammal Whyce (Sr.)	95 Roger Garrett (So.)
DE	99 Jamus Martin (Sr.)	35 Marcus Hairston (Sr.)
LB	32 J.T. Rembert (Sr.)	30 Dennis Thornton (Jr.)
MLB	5 Kevin Atkins (Sr.)	47 Matt Couch (So.)
OLB	33 Dionte Wilson (Sr.)	44 Carlos Morgan (Jr.)
CB	27 Willie Smith (Jr.)	28 Renaldo Williams (Sr.)
CB	2 Roberto Terrell (Sr.)	28 Renaldo Williams (Sr.)
SS	25 Curtis Keyes (So.)	36 Lonnie McCowan (Jr.)
FS	3 Moriah Anderson (Sr.)	26 Chris Royal (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	41 Nick Kelly (Jr.)	KR	34 Earl Charles (Sr.)
P	42 Klint Rose (So.)	PR	80 Tremel Guillory (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Stan Hill, 191-133-1,767-7, 15 TDs  
 Rushing: Earl Charles, 205 car., 1,039 yds., 12 TDs  
 Receiving: Josh Davis, 66 rec., 823 yds., 6 TDs  
 Tackles: Kevin Atkins, 100, 69 solo  
 Sacks: Jonathan Goddard, Jamus Martin, 6.5  
 Interceptions: 3 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Troy State	W
S. 11	at Ohio State	L
S. 18	at Georgia	L
S. 29	Miami (OH)	W
O. 9	at Ohio	W
O. 16	at Kent State	W
O. 23	Buffalo	W
O. 30	UCF	W
N. 5	at Akron	W
N. 13	at Bowling Green	W
N. 20	Western Michigan	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Hofstra	W	45-21
S. 6	at Tennessee	L	24-34
S. 12	Toledo	L	17-24
S. 20	at Kansas State	W	27-20
S. 27	at Troy State	L	24-33
O. 11	Kent State	W	49-33
O. 18	at Buffalo	W	26-16
O. 25	at Western Mich.	W	41-21
N. 1	Akron	W	42-24
N. 12	at Miami (OH)	L	6-45
N. 19	at UCF	W	21-7
N. 28	Ohio	W	28-0

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.2 ppg	39
Rushing	196.3 ypg	20
Passing	244.6 ypg	38
Total	440.9 ypg	18
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.2 ppg	47
Rushing	152.4 ypg	57
Passing	177.4 ypg	10
Total	329.8 ypg	24
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-19	-1.58	114

Head Coach: Bob Pruett

2003 Record (MAC): 8-4 (6-2)





## Offense

The Broncos must replace eight offensive starters, including the most efficient passer in NCAA Division I-A history, their top rusher and their top receiver. The candidate list at quarterback starts with sophomore Jared Zabransky, who barely edged out Mike Sanford for the backup job last year. Zabransky is a much better athlete than predecessor Ryan Dinwiddie, but he still needs to learn the intricacies of the offense and clean up his passing skills. Sanford, a senior, could earn the job with his thorough knowledge of the offense.

Tailback is an even bigger mystery. Senior Donny Heck would have been the starter if he could have gotten academically eligible. The rest of the tailback crew is untested, with former walk-on Jeff Carpenter and 5'7" speedster Lee Marks trying to transition from role players to stars.

The Broncos could land three receivers on the All-WAC team, if the quarterback can get them the ball. Sophomore tight end Derek Schouman and senior wideouts T.J. Acree and Lawrence Bady step into starring roles this season.

The offensive line begins with junior left tackle Daryn Colledge, a 6'5", 272-pound third-year starter. The rest of the line likely will include two or three redshirt freshmen.

## NUMBERS GAME

**18** Boise State has 18 consecutive WAC wins dating back to the 2001 season. The Broncos' streak ranks third in conference history behind BYU (25, 1982-85) and Arizona State (19, 1969-1971).

## Defense

Linebacker is the strength of a Broncos defense that returns six starters. Weak-side backer Andy Avalos is a top candidate for WAC Defensive Player of the Year after racking up 113 tackles last season.

Sophomore middle linebacker Korey Hall, a big hitter with huge potential, was among the top freshman tacklers in the country last year. Together, they helped the Broncos limit foes to 100.5 yards per game on the ground.

Julius Roberts, a 6'5", 239-pound senior, finally became the dominant defensive end everyone expected. He led the team with 5.5 sacks and was named first team All-WAC. The rest of the line is baby-faced — sophomore Mike Williams, sophomore Andrew Browning and junior Alex Guerrero are slated to start.

The starting secondary is rock-solid. Cornerback Gabe Franklin (14 career interceptions) and rover Chris Carr have been key contributors for the past three seasons. Athletic sophomore Gerald Alexander at cornerback and former nickel back Cam Hall at free safety should slide seamlessly into the lineup.

## Specialists

Senior kicker Tyler Jones and sophomore punter Kyle Stringer give BSU two of the most reliable specialists in the WAC. Jones has added consistency to his booming leg, and his high kickoffs held opponents to 17.0 yards per return last year.

Carr could be one of the top return men in the country. He averaged 26.3 yards on kickoff returns and 19.8 yards on six punt returns in '03.

## Final Analysis

The difference between another spectacular season and a 7-4 mark could be the development of the offensive line. The Broncos didn't run the ball consistently in 2003, a fact obscured by the potent passing game. This year is different. The Broncos, winners of 18 straight WAC games and owners of back-to-back Top 15 finishes, need to lean on the ground game to take pressure off the new quarterback.

A strong game against Oregon State, which handed the Broncos their only loss last year, could propel Boise State to another special season.

## WAC Prediction: 2nd



Andy Avalos

## Depth Chart

### Offense (3)

WR	89 T.J. Acree (Sr.)	20 Brett Ralph (Jr.)
WR	9 Lawrence Bady (Sr.)	11 Drisan James (So.)
LT	73 Daryn Colledge (Jr.)	63 Derek Kishpaugh (Sr.)
LG	62 Tad Miller (Fr.)	50 Joe Wiegand (So.)
C	65 Klayton Adams (Sr.)	76 Pete Cavender (Fr.)
RG	70 M.J. Ansel (Sr.)	72 Tony Volponi (So.)
RT	79 Jeff Cavender (Fr.)	71 Ryan Keating (So.)
TE	91 Derek Schouman (So.)	80 Andy Weldon (Sr.)
QB	5 Jared Zabransky (So.)	2 Michael Sanford (Sr.)
FB	34 Brad Lau (So.)	44 Calvin McCarty (Fr.)
TB	22 Jeff Carpenter (Jr.)	17 Lee Marks (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	92 Julius Roberts (Sr.)	74 Mike Dominguez (So.)
DT	57 Andrew Browning (So.)	75 Dan Gore (Fr.)
DT	99 Alex Guerrero (So.)	93 Jeff Beidermann (So.)
DE	96 Mike Williams (So.)	Tim Volk (So.)
SLB	56 Josh Bean (Fr.)	51 Colt Brooks (So.)
MLB	25 Korey Hall (So.)	55 Chris Barrios (Jr.)
WLB	40 Andy Avalos (Sr.)	95 Tim Hefty (Sr.)
CB	16 Gabe Franklin (Sr.)	37 Austin Smith (Fr.)
CB	18 Gerald Alexander (So.)	32 Rashaun Scott (Fr.)
ROV	1 Chris Carr (Sr.)	Marcosus Le Blanc (Jr.)
FS	27 Cam Hall (Jr.)	28 Deshaun Cabaong (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	85 Tyler Jones (Sr.)	KR	1 Chris Carr (Sr.)
P	42 Kyle Stringer (So.)	PR	1 Chris Carr (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Jared Zabransky, 23-11-180-1, 1 TD

Rushing: Lee Marks, 29 car., 166 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: T.J. Acree, 51 rec., 758 yds., 7 TDs

Tackles: Andy Avalos, 113, 50 solo

Sacks: Julius Roberts, 5.5

Interceptions: Chris Carr, 4 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Idaho	W
S. 11	Oregon State	L
S. 18	at UTEP	W
S. 25	BYU	W
O. 2	SMU	W
O. 16	at Tulsa	*
O. 23	Fresno State	*
O. 30	Hawaii	*
N. 13	at San Jose State	W
N. 20	Louisiana Tech	W
N. 27	at Nevada	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	Idaho State	W	62-0
S. 13	at Idaho	W	24-10
S. 20	at Oregon State	L	24-26
S. 27	Wyoming	W	33-17
O. 4	at Louisiana Tech	W	43-37
O. 11	Tulsa	W	27-20
O. 18	at SMU	W	45-3
O. 25	San Jose State	W	77-14
O. 30	at BYU	W	50-12
N. 15	UTEP	W	51-21
N. 21	at Fresno State	W	31-17
N. 29	Nevada	W	56-3
D. 6	at Hawaii	W	45-28
D. 23	#TCU	W	34-31
	#Fort Worth Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	43.0 ppg	1
Rushing	150.1 ypg	62
Passing	336.3 ypg	5
Total	486.4 ypg	7
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.1 ppg	12
Rushing	100.5 ypg	11
Passing	247.9 ypg	88
Total	348.4 ypg	37
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+10	+0.71	17

Head Coach: Dan Hawkins

2003 Record (WAC): 13-1 (8-0)



## Offense

With three-year starter Cody Pickett no longer around, the Huskies will return to more of an option-based attack that will remind fans of the Marques Tuiasosopo days. Casey Paus, Isaiah Stanback and Carl Bonnell are the top candidates to run the show. "I think someone will come out of this group and be the next really fine player at Washington," Husky coach Keith Gilbertson says.

Charles Frederick will be the go-to receiver. He has all-conference ability and will have an opportunity to shine now that All-American Reggie Williams has moved on to the NFL. Expectations are also high for redshirt freshman Craig Chambers, but he must show more maturity and dedication.

The running game appears to be in fine shape with tailbacks Kenny James and Shelton Sampson ready to show that the option will fit their styles well. James could be the guy to put up some big numbers. Fullback Zach Tuiasosopo has the ability to be a dominant blocker and a tough short-yardage ballcarrier.

If anything slows the offense besides the development of a new quarterback, it will be the lack of depth on the line. Tackle Khalif Barnes leads the starting group that will be solid as long as no more injuries strike. A freshman or two might even make the two-deep chart because there are so few bodies to work with.

## NUMBERS GAME

**27** It's been 27 years since the Huskies had a losing record, but that streak could end this season. They were 5-6 in 1976 and have been 6-6 twice since, including last year.

## Defense

There was a time not too long ago that the UW defense was one of the most feared units in the nation. Gilbertson would like those days to return.

Cornerback Derrick Johnson, who has 11 interceptions over the last two years, brings the big-play ability needed to turn the defense around. Free safety Jimmy Newell and cornerback Sam Cunningham are two other veterans who help make the backfield the strength of the defense.

Evan Benjamin was switched to outside linebacker from strong safety to give the defense more speed, another emphasis this season. Inside linebacker Tim Galloway needs to show that he can be a leader and make the big hits that lift the defense and excite the crowd.

The defensive line is inexperienced, but there is plenty of potential. Manase Hopoi, the lone returning starter, might switch to tackle from end because of his ability as a run-stopper. He'll also be looked to for leadership.

## Specialists

Sean Douglas will take over the punting duties, but it's a two-way battle at kicker between Evan Knudson and Michael Braunstein. Knudson, a walk-on, won the job last year over Braunstein, a freshman scholarship player. Knudson needs to be more consistent to keep the job.

Frederick will return punts and kicks for the fourth season. He has two career punt returns for touchdowns.

## Final Analysis

The offensive line is thin and cannot afford any injuries or the running attack will be stopped dead. On defense, Johnson is a star, but more playmakers need to emerge in order for Washington to squeeze out at least six wins. The Huskies must overcome a tough road schedule, which features trips to Notre Dame, USC, Oregon and Washington State, but that won't earn the team any patience from the fans, who will become extremely restless if Gilbertson fails to produce a winning season in his second year.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 6th



Charles Frederick

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	10 Charles Frederick (Sr.)	21 Sonny Shackelford (So.)
WR	18 Corey Williams (So.)	32 Craig Chambers (Fr.)
WT	65 Khalif Barnes (Sr.)	75 Chad Macklin (Fr.)
WG	63 Clay Walker (So.)	74 Stanley Daniels (So.)
C	50 Brad Vanneman (Jr.)	51 Brandon Leyritz (Jr.)
SG	68 Rob Meadow (Jr.)	61 Tusi Sa'au (Jr.)
ST	79 Ryan Brooks (Sr.)	55 Tui Alailaileaula (Sr.)
TE	82 Jon Lyon (Sr.)	89 Ben Bandel (So.)
QB	15 Casey Paus (Jr.)	4 Isaiah Stanback (So.)
FB	5 Zach Tuiasosopo (Sr.)	25 James Sims (Jr.)
RB	8 Kenny James (So.)	7 Shelton Sampson (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE	91 Donny Mateaki (So.)	97 Mike Mapu (Jr.)
DT	98 Dan Milsten (So.)	84 Casey Tyler (Fr.)
DT	56 Manase Hopoi (Sr.)	95 Jordan Reffett (Fr.)
DE	41 Brandon Ala (So.)	22 Ty Eriks (Jr.)
OLB	27 Evan Benjamin (Jr.)	20 Kyle Trew (Fr.)
ILB	35 Tim Galloway (Sr.)	47 Tahj Bomar (So.)
ILB	53 Joe Lobendahn (Jr.)	7 Scott White (So.)
CB	21 Derrick Johnson (Sr.)	6 Matt Fontaine (So.)
CB	5 Sam Cunningham (Sr.)	9 Dre Simpson (So.)
SS	1 C.J. Wallace (So.)	Keauntea Bankhead (Fr.)
FS	26 Jimmy Newell (Sr.)	Dashon Goldson (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	10 Evan Knudson (Sr.)	KR	10 Charles Frederick (Sr.)
P	17 Sean Douglas (So.)	PR	10 Charles Frederick (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Casey Paus, 23-10-151-1, 2 TDs  
**Rushing:** Kenny James, 122 car., 530 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Charles Frederick, 59 rec., 831 yds., 5 TDs  
**Tackles:** Jimmy Newell, 84, 46 solo  
**Sacks:** Manase Hopoi, 4  
**Interceptions:** Derrick Johnson, 6 for 62 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 5	Fresno State	*
S. 18	UCLA	*
S. 25	at Notre Dame	L
O. 2	at Stanford	W
O. 9	San Jose State	W
O. 16	Oregon State	L
O. 23	at USC	L
O. 30	at Oregon	L
N. 6	Arizona	W
N. 13	California	L
N. 20	at Wash. State	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Ohio State	L	9-28
S. 6	Indiana	W	38-13
S. 20	Idaho	W	45-14
S. 27	Stanford	W	28-17
O. 4	at UCLA	L	16-46
O. 11	Nevada	L	17-28
O. 18	at Oregon State	W	38-17
O. 25	USC	L	23-43
N. 1	Oregon	W	42-10
N. 8	at Arizona	L	22-27
N. 15	at California	L	7-54
N. 22	Wash. State	W	27-19

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.0 ppg	67
Rushing	119.5 ypg	93
Passing	269.7 ypg	24
Total	389.2 ypg	50
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.3 ppg	67
Rushing	151.6 ypg	55
Passing	233.4 ypg	79
Total	385.0 ypg	69
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	80

Head Coach: Keith Gilbertson

2003 Record (Pac-10): 6-6 (4-4)



## Offense

Once its revamped offensive line finally comes together, things figure to run considerably smoother this fall for Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets return six starters from last year's team that ranked last in the ACC in total offense at 330.6 yards per game.

The most notable returnees are tailback P.J. Daniels, the league's leading rusher last fall with 1,447 yards, and quarterback Reggie Ball, the ACC Freshman of the Year.

"The skill positions are back," Ball says. "We know we're explosive and we know what we're capable of doing."

Senior Nate Curry returns as the Jackets' biggest deep-threat at wide receiver, although top recruit Calvin Johnson figures to be a big factor from the outset as well.

But things will have to start up front if Georgia Tech is to reach its potential. Without graduated All-ACC center Hugh Reilly or three-year starting left tackle Nat Dorsey, the Jackets were toying with different combinations up front during the spring. Redshirt freshman Kevin Tuminello will likely get the first crack at center, while Kyle Wallace, the team's starter at right tackle the last three seasons, moves over to the left side to protect Ball's blindside.

## NUMBERS GAME

**7** With its Humanitarian Bowl appearance, Georgia Tech set a school record by playing in a bowl game for the seventh consecutive season. Tech is one of only 11 schools to have played in a bowl in each of the last seven years.

## Defense

Excellent overall team speed and defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta's aggressive scheme designed to stuff the run and bring the heat helped Georgia Tech finish second in the ACC in total defense last fall, first in stopping the run.

Defensive end Eric Henderson, the league's

sack leader with 11, and free safety James Butler were both first-team All-ACC picks and highlight the seven returning defensive starters. Gone, though, are standout linebackers Daryl Smith, Keyaron Fox and the underrated Ather Brown.

Junior Gerris Wilkinson, a starting end a year ago, will likely succeed Smith at middle linebacker, while former backup strong safety Chris Reis has been moved closer to the ball at the strong-side linebacker spot. Sophomore KaMichael Hall assumes Fox's spot on the weak side. They'll have little time to grow into their roles because of a difficult schedule.

Butler was a semifinalist last season for the Jim Thorpe Award after recording five interceptions, six pass break-ups and 119 tackles. He heads a talented and speedy secondary.

## Specialists

Punting problems hurt the Jackets so much that coach Chan Gailey went against his original thinking and signed a punter, Kyle Belcher.

Walk-on kicker Travis Bell will likely get the first crack at succeeding Dan Burnett.

You can bet Tech will spend a lot of time working on kickoff coverage in August after last year's debacle. Inexperience and a lack of depth were contributing factors to weak kick coverage, but both have been addressed in the off-season.

Speedy back-up tailback Rashaun Grant and Dennis Davis, a former All-ACC sprinter, could be the two players returning kicks.

## Final Analysis

With so many players returning from last year's surprising 7-6 team, Gailey and his players feel that anything is now possible.

A brutal early-season slate that includes games at Clemson on Sept. 11, at home with Miami on Oct. 2 and at Maryland the following week could decide whether the Jackets can be a factor in the new-look ACC. With the Hurricanes and Virginia Tech both coming to Atlanta, Gailey likes his team's chances.

## ACC Prediction: 8th



Reggie Ball

## Depth Chart

## Offense (6)

WR	5 Nate Curry (Sr.)	8 Damarius Bilbo (Jr.)
WR	Calvin Johnson (Fr.)	7 Levon Thomas (Sr.)
LT	77 Kyle Wallace (Sr.)	79 Eddy Parker (Fr.)
LG	65 Andy Tidwell-Neal (Sr.)	61 Matt Rhodes (Fr.)
C	60 Kevin Tuminello (Fr.)	65 Andy Tidwell-Neal (Sr.)
RG	72 Brad Honeycutt (Jr.)	50 Brad Brezina (So.)
RT	76 Salih Besirevic (Jr.)	71 Kenton Johnson (Sr.)
TE	83 Darius Williams (Sr.)	80 George Cooper (So.)
QB	1 Reggie Ball (So.)	4 Patrick Carter (Fr.)
FB	47 Jimmy Dixon (Sr.)	28 Ajenavi Eziemefe (Jr.)
TB	45 P.J. Daniels (Jr.)	24 Chris Woods (Jr.)

## Defense (7)

DE	56 Eric Henderson (Jr.)	91 Chirod Williams (Sr.)
DT	96 Joe Anoai (So.)	99 Omar Billy (Jr.)
DT	97 Mansfield Wrotto (So.)	Darryl Richard (Fr.)
DE	94 Travis Parker (Jr.)	42 Adam Oliver (Fr.)
WLB	35 KaMichael Hall (So.)	41 Philip Wheeler (So.)
MLB	49 Gerris Wilkinson (Jr.)	44 Nick Moore (So.)
SLB	18 Chris Reis (Jr.)	39 Kyle Pupello (Fr.)
CB	9 Reuben Houston (So.)	15 Nathan Burton (Sr.)
CB	2 Kenny Scott (So.)	25 Dennis Davis (Sr.)
SS	20 Dawan Landry (Jr.)	37 Joe Gaston (So.)
FS	22 James Butler (Sr.)	30 Avery Roberson (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	18 Travis Bell (Fr.)	KR	2 Kenny Scott (So.)
P	16 David Smith (Sr.)	PR	2 Kenny Scott (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Reggie Ball, 350-181-1,996-11, 10 TDs  
**Rushing:** P.J. Daniels, 283 car., 1,447 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Nate Curry, 37 rec., 426 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** James Butler, 119, 56 solo  
**Sacks:** Eric Henderson, 11  
**Interceptions:** James Butler, 5 for 18 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Samford	W
S. 11	at Clemson	L
S. 18	at North Carolina	W
O. 2	Miami	L
O. 9	at Maryland	L
O. 16	Duke	W
O. 28	Virginia Tech	L
N. 6	at NC State	L
N. 13	Connecticut	W
N. 20	Virginia	L
N. 27	at Georgia	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	at BYU	L	13-24
S. 6	Auburn	W	17-3
S. 13	at Florida State	L	13-14
S. 20	Clemson	L	3-39
S. 27	at Vanderbilt (ot)	W	24-17
O. 4	NC State	W	29-21
O. 11	at Wake Forest	W	24-7
O. 23	Maryland	W	7-3
N. 8	at Duke	L	17-41
N. 15	North Carolina	W	41-24
N. 22	at Virginia	L	17-29
N. 29	Georgia	L	17-34
J. 3	#Tulsa	W	52-10

#Humanitarian Bowl

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.1 ppg	90
Rushing	160.5 ypg	49
Passing	170.2 ypg	100
Total	330.6 ypg	94
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.5 ppg	27
Rushing	100.5 ypg	12
Passing	221.7 ypg	60
Total	322.2 ypg	20
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	53

Head Coach: Chan Gailey

2003 Record (ACC): 7-6 (4-4)



## Offense

Prior to spring practices, Dennis Franchione cancelled off-season workouts for one day to treat his team to the movie *Miracle*, which documents the glorious gold medal run of the 1980 U.S. hockey team. After last year's 4-8 season, the Aggies may not be looking for miracles, but they do need a major makeover.

Quarterback Reggie McNeal has the tools to emerge as a superstar, but he must prove he possesses the mental toughness and maturity to be a leader on his own team. McNeal certainly has options at his disposal. Shifty Courtney Lewis became the first Aggie since 1999 to rush for more than 1,000 yards, netting 1,024 during his debut season. And perhaps the best all-around player on the roster, senior receiver Terrence Murphy, leads an impressive group of potential go-to targets.

A&M's offensive line could also be better with the return of two-year starter Jami Hightower, who missed all of last season because of a staph infection. Hightower joins returning starters Aldo De La Garza, Alex Kotzur and Geoff Hangartner to give the Aggies an experienced front.

### NUMBERS GAME

**-0.92** A&M's turnover margin was minus-0.92 per game last year, which ranked last in the Big 12. The Aggies committed six turnovers in the kicking game alone.

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Carl Torbush doesn't mince words when assessing his objectives. "We've got to be better," Torbush says. "We can't go through another year like we had last year."

The defensive revitalization starts up front, and the line will undoubtedly receive a large infusion of new talent. Senior end Mike Montgomery and junior tackle Johnny Jolly form a solid combination on one side of the

defensive front, while redshirt freshmen Jason Jack and Joseph "Red" Bryant are two physically imposing newcomers to the probable starting front four.

The Aggies are counting on newcomers like junior college transfer Aaron Brown to shore up a sagging linebacking unit, although sophomore Justin Warren could have a breakout season after earning freshman All-America honors.

No A&M defender is tougher or more willing to sacrifice his body than safety Jaxson Appel. The gutsy, hard-hitting Appel led the Aggies with 135 tackles and gives A&M the cornerstone of a secondary that should be improved. Cornerbacks Byron Jones and Jonté Buhl and safety Ronald Jones return after seeing extensive action last year.

## Specialists

Terrence Murphy provides the Aggies with a breakaway threat on kickoff and punt returns. While Todd Pegram does not possess outstanding range, he did finish fourth in the Big 12 in field goal accuracy. A&M also returns an experienced punter in Jacob Young, but he will be pushed by true freshman Richie Bean.

## Final Analysis

With the last two recruiting classes Franchione has assembled, the Aggies appear to be on their way back toward the top of the Big 12 South standings. But it's probably not going to be a quick journey. Appel and Murphy are proven playmakers, but most of the other players the Aggies are counting on are sophomores, redshirt freshmen or junior college transfers.

The Aggies are simply too young and too inexperienced to be considered legitimate contenders in the South. And A&M must face bowl participants Utah, Clemson, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas. The newcomers on defense must grow up quickly and McNeal must display more maturity and leadership on offense.

## Big 12 South Prediction: 5th



Reggie McNeal

Chris Covatta

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	5 Terrence Murphy (Sr.)	3 Terrence Thomas (Sr.)
WR	2 Earvin Taylor (So.)	9 DeQawn Mobley (Jr.)
QT	72 Alex Kotzur (So.)	54 Corey Clark (Fr.)
QG	74 Dominique Steamer (Jr.)	64 Kirk Elder (Fr.)
C	66 Geoff Hangartner (Sr.)	51 Chris Yoder (Fr.)
SG	76 Aldo De La Garza (Jr.)	78 Julian Parks (So.)
ST	75 Jami Hightower (Jr.)	70 Cody Wallace (Fr.)
TE	81 Joey Thomas (Fr.)	87 Quinlin Germany (So.)
QB	1 Reggie McNeal (Jr.)	15 Stephen McGee (Fr.)
FB	4 Keith Joseph (Sr.)	24 Chris Alexander (Fr.)
RB	25 Courtney Lewis (So.)	22 Derrick Brown (Fr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	95 Mike Montgomery (Sr.)	92 Chris Harrington (Fr.)
DT	97 Johnny Jolly (Jr.)	35 Bryce Reed (So.)
DT	85 Joseph Bryant (Fr.)	91 Marcus Jasmin (Sr.)
DE	89 Jason Jack (Fr.)	99 David Ross (Jr.)
SLB	41 Aaron Brown (Jr.)	58 Blake Kendrick (Sr.)
MLB	31 Archie McDaniel (Jr.)	52 Fred Woods (Jr.)
ROV	10 Justin Warren (So.)	42 Nurahda Manning (Jr.)
CB	11 Byron Jones (Sr.)	6 Bryant Singleton (Jr.)
CB	26 Jonté Buhl (Sr.)	18 Melvin Bullitt (So.)
SS	23 Ronald Jones (Jr.)	28 Japhus Brown (Fr.)
FS	19 Jaxson Appel (Jr.)	21 Brandon Leone (So.)

## Special Teams

K	13 Todd Pegram (Jr.)	KR	5 Terrence Murphy (Sr.)
P	30 Jacob Young (Sr.)	PR	5 Terrence Murphy (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Reggie McNeal, 221-113-1,782-7, 8 TDs  
**Rushing:** Courtney Lewis, 186 car., 1,024 yds., 12 TDs  
**Receiving:** Terrence Murphy, 44 rec., 762 yds., 0 TDs  
**Tackles:** Jaxson Appel, 135, 73 solo  
**Sacks:** Archie McDaniel, 4  
**Interceptions:** Jaxson Appel, 4 for 109 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	at Utah	L
S. 11	Wyoming	W
S. 18	Clemson	L
O. 2	Kansas State	L
O. 9	at Iowa State	W
O. 16	at Oklahoma State	L
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	*
O. 30	at Baylor	W
N. 6	Oklahoma	L
<b>N. 13</b>	<b>Texas Tech</b>	*
N. 26	at Texas	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Arkansas State	W	26-11
S. 6	Utah	W	28-26
S. 18	at Virginia Tech	L	19-35
S. 27	Pittsburgh	L	26-37
O. 4	at Texas Tech	L	28-59
O. 11	Baylor	W	73-10
O. 18	at Nebraska	L	12-48
O. 25	Oklahoma State	L	10-38
N. 1	Kansas	W	45-33
N. 8	at Oklahoma	L	0-77
N. 15	at Missouri	L	22-45
N. 28	Texas	L	15-46

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.3 ppg	70
Rushing	177.3 ypg	36
Passing	212.6 ypg	66
Total	389.8 ypg	48
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.8 ppg	115
Rushing	225.1 ypg	112
Passing	206.4 ypg	40
Total	431.5 ypg	96
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-11	-0.92	105

Head Coach: Dennis Franchione

2003 Record (Big 12): 4-8 (2-6)





## Offense

There may not be a better quarterback in Conference USA than junior Darrell Hackney. Hackney, lost for the season in the seventh game a year ago with a thumb injury, gives the Blazers a dual threat — a tough, physical runner and a productive thrower who has passed for 3,636 yards and 23 scores in just 18 career games.

Hackney is a fearless leader who thrives in pressure-filled situations. He had the Blazers leading a nationally ranked and unbeaten TCU in the third quarter before injuring his thumb.

"Darrell may be the most talented (quarterback) in this league," coach Watson Brown says. "But he can't play a half season for us to reach the goals we want to reach."

If Hackney does get sidelined, the Blazers find themselves with more depth at the position. Sophomores Curtis Falany and Chris Williams were pushed into service when Hackney was injured last season, and the Blazers brought in highly regarded junior college quarterback Chad Wilmott, an All-American who led his team to NJCAA title.

If Dan Burks can give the Blazers the 500-plus yards he gained as a freshman two years ago, the running game will be healthy.

Sophomore Corey White emerged late in the season as a productive back. Built more like a fullback, White (6'2", 225) rushed for 325 yards in the Blazers' final three games, including 138 against Tulane and 123 against Houston.

## NUMBERS GAME

**1** UAB has produced just one single-season 1,000-yard rusher since moving into Division I-A in 1996. Carl Sanders rushed for 1,154 yards in '96.

## Defense

The UAB defense made strides under first-year defensive coordinator Wayne Bolt, who welcomes back 10 starters.

The defensive line will be strong, led by tackle Shamar Abrams, a wide body who possess excellent quickness. Abrams had 10.5 tackles for lost yardage among his 84 stops. Sam Williamson is back at the other tackle spot after missing the second half of the season with injuries.

The foundation of UAB's defense is at linebacker, where seniors Zac Woodfin, Nigel Eldridge and Gaylon Black return with a better understanding of Bolt's system. They combined for more than 340 tackles, led by Woodfin's 149.

## Specialists

Senior Nick Hayes, an All-America candidate, gives the Blazers one of the conference's, and nation's, top field goal kickers. He has made 44-of-57 field goals and all but one of his 73 extra-point tries.

Sophomore Parker Mullins averaged 41.1 yards on 72 punts and gives UAB a solid kicking game.

The return game didn't put up impressive numbers a year ago, but senior Jason Southall has shown an ability to be effective returning kicks. As a sophomore, he ranked fourth in the league with a 24-yard return average. Brown would like to see more productive punt returns and may give Carlos Hendricks and junior college transfer Reggie Lindsey looks.

## Final Analysis

If UAB is to earn its first postseason trip, they'll need to keep Hackney healthy. If Hackney proves durable, the Blazers should be successful. And with the signing of Wilmott, they may also be able to survive Hackney missing a game or two. The defense will be led by a linebacker corps that is one of C-USA's best.

The result may be the program's first bowl game, an attainable goal in Brown's mind. "We've not had any bad teams," Brown says. "We've always had good teams. Now we want that great team."

## C-USA Prediction: 5th



Darrell Hackney

Sam Jordan

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR 10 Roddy White (Sr.)	29 Nick Coon (So.)
WR 11 Reggie Lindsey (Jr.)	9 Carl Duncan (Jr.)
WR 15 Bradley Chavez (Sr.)	12 Lance Rhodes (Jr.)
LT 70 Cornelius Rogers (So.)	61 Adam Truitt (Fr.)
LG 72 Andy Galloway (Sr.)	65 Tommie Keyes (Jr.)
C 50 Matt Batusic (Jr.)	56 Rodney Outlaw (Jr.)
RG 73 Marcel Binion (Sr.)	64 Alan Klinner (Jr.)
RT 79 Jamarius Dismuke (Fr.)	74 Paul Linsky (Jr.)
TE 80 Cedric Hampton (Jr.)	89 Sam Dudley (Sr.)
QB 4 Darrell Hackney (Jr.)	18 Chad Wilmott (Jr.)
RB 34 Dan Burks (So.)	30 Corey White (So.)

### Defense (10)

DE 98 Jermaine McElveen (So.)	7 Kyle Bissinger (So.)
DT 93 Shamar Abrams (Sr.)	54 Clarence Respress (So.)
NT 90 Sam Williamson (Jr.)	76 Ernest Respress (Jr.)
DE 42 Sam Kendrick (Jr.)	91 David Miller (So.)
SLB 53 Gaylon Black (Sr.)	55 Marcus Mark (So.)
MLB 59 Nigel Eldridge (Sr.)	45 DeMarcus Rodgers (Sr.)
WLB 58 Zac Woodfin (Sr.)	40 Darius Taylor (Sr.)
CB 2 Bobby Keyes (Sr.)	20 Dio Hill (Sr.)
CB 19 Carlos Hendricks (Sr.)	37 Durrell Fuqua (Fr.)
SS 21 Dominique Cosper (Jr.)	22 Justin Whitmore (Jr.)
FS 24 Julius Wainwright (Jr.)	31 Brandon Register (So.)

### Special Teams

K 60 Nick Hayes (Sr.)	KR 3 Jason Southall (Jr.)
P 86 Parker Mullins (So.)	PR 12 Lance Rhodes (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Darrell Hackney, 209-106-1,659-6, 9 TDs

Rushing: Trey Chaney, 136 car., 479 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Roddy White, 39 rec., 844 yds., 7 TDs

Tackles: Zac Woodfin, 149, 99 solo

Sacks: Jermaine McElveen, 6

Interceptions: Justin Whitmore, 3 for 29 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2004 SCHEDULE		2003 RESULTS		2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS		
S. 4 Baylor	W	A. 30 at Baylor	W 24-19	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Per Game</b>	<b>Rank</b>
S. 18 at Florida State	L	S. 4 Southern Miss	L 12-17	Scoring	20.4 ppg	92
S. 25 Memphis	L	S. 13 Troy State	L 9-20	Rushing	132.4 ypg	78
O. 2 at Cincinnati	W	S. 20 at South Carolina	L 10-42	Passing	216.6 ypg	61
<b>O. 9 at Mississippi State</b>	*	O. 4 at Memphis	W 24-10	Total	349.0 ypg	81
O. 16 TCU	L	O. 11 Cincinnati	W 31-14	<b>Defense</b>	<b>Per Game</b>	<b>Rank</b>
O. 23 at Tulane	W	O. 18 at TCU	L 24-27	Scoring	23.9 ppg	52
N. 6 South Florida	W	O. 25 at Georgia	L 13-16	Rushing	178.0 ypg	81
N. 13 Houston	W	N. 1 Army	W 24-9	Passing	208.3 ypg	43
N. 20 at Army	W	N. 8 Tulane	L 24-38	Total	386.3 ypg	70
N. 27 at Southern Miss	L	N. 22 at South Florida	W 22-19	<b>TO Margin</b>	<b>Per Game</b>	<b>Rank</b>
*Games in bold represent swing games		N. 29 at Houston	L 28-56	-5	-0.42	86
W or L indicates a projected win or loss						

Head Coach: Watson Brown

2003 Record (C-USA): 5-7 (4-4)





## Offense

Jay Cutler has quietly developed into one of the SEC's premier quarterbacks. Known more for his running prowess as a redshirt freshman, Cutler emerged as one of the league's top passers as a sophomore. He ranked second in the SEC in total offense (220.5 yards per game), fifth in passing (195.6 ypg) and improved his completion percentage by nearly 10 points. Cutler's spike in productivity can, in part, be attributed to improved play from the Commodores' receiving corps. Local product Erik Davis emerged as a big-play threat in his first year as a starter, leading the team with 41 catches, 638 yards and eight touchdowns.

Head coach Bobby Johnson has made it clear his team needs more production from its top two tailbacks, Norval McKenzie and Kwane Doster. The duo combined for 1,124 yards on a 5.6-yard average in 2002 but slumped to 1,025 yards on a 4.1 average last fall.

Vanderbilt returns six linemen who started at least three games last season. Justin Geisinger, a senior who bench-presses over 600 pounds, anchors the group from his left tackle spot.

## NUMBERS GAME

**68** Vanderbilt improved its passing production by 68 yards per game in 2003, the second-biggest jump in the SEC.

## Defense

Jovan Haye arrived on campus in 2001 as a 240-pound linebacker. He is now up to 280 pounds and has found a home as one of the SEC's most feared pass-rushers. Haye recorded a team-high 8.5 sacks last year on his way to second-team All-SEC honors. The Commodores have plenty of options to fill the other three spots on the D-Line — seven players return who started at least four games in 2003 — but the staff isn't quite sure how to fit the pieces together.

The linebacking corps returns intact in 2004. Moses Osemwegie started all 12 games and led the SEC with 126 tackles. He will line up at times in the middle but is likely to start once again on the weak side. Otis Washington was a bit inconsistent in his first season as the starter in the middle. Herdley Harrison was steady on the strong side as a sophomore.

Dominique Morris might not be the fastest guy around, but the coaching staff has supreme confidence in the junior cornerback. Lorenzo Parker and Bill Alford, a pair of seniors who combined for 13 starts in 2003, will battle for the starting assignment opposite Morris. Parker was also given a look at receiver during the spring. Andrew Pace (strong) and Kelechi Ohanaja (free) have a firm hold on the two safety spots after starting all 12 games last year.

## Specialists

The Commodores converted just 3-of-9 field goals 30 yards and out last season and failed to make a kick longer than 38 yards. True freshman Daniel Lee will be expected to take over immediately.

Vanderbilt's new concern is finding a long snapper, a position handled flawlessly by Jason Daniels the past two seasons.

## Final Analysis

Every four or five years, the stars align properly to give Vanderbilt a shot at that elusive winning record. The 2004 season could be one of those years. With basically the entire team back and a relatively soft season-opening schedule, the Commodores could do the unthinkable — win more than they lose. This team was good enough to win five or six games last season but was undone by poor play in the red zone and an inability to kick fields and protect the football. Lee could be the answer to the kicking woes; it will be up to quarterback Jay Cutler and the rest of the skill players to curtail the turnovers.

## SEC East Prediction: 5th



Jay Cutler

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

## Depth Chart

### Offense (10)

WR	80 Brandon Smith (Sr.)	82 Marlon White (So.)
WR	2 Erik Davis (Jr.)	16 Chris Young (Sr.)
LT	71 Justin Geisinger (Sr.)	62 Ryan King (Jr.)
LG	76 Brian Kovalisky (Sr.)	64 Merritt Kirchoffer (Fr.)
C	51 Steven Brent (So.)	67 Chris Williams (Fr.)
RG	65 Mac Pyle (Jr.)	63 Nigel Seaman (Jr.)
RT	72 Brian Stamper (So.)	70 Kenan Arkan (Jr.)
TE	84 Dustin Dunning (Jr.)	89 Jonathan Loyte (So.)
QB	6 Jay Cutler (Jr.)	17 Steven Bright (So.)
TB	9 Norval McKenzie (Sr.)	1 Kwane Doster (Jr.)
FB	28 Matthew Tant (Jr.)	29 Clark Lea (Sr.)

### Defense (11)

DE	91 Jovan Haye (Jr.)	93 Richard Freeman (So.)
DT	96 Robert Dinwiddie (Sr.)	95 Ralph McKenzie (Jr.)
DT	73 Ray Brown (So.)	99 Matt Clay (Sr.)
DE	69 Aaron Carter (Sr.)	46 Chris Booker (Jr.)
WLB	30 Moses Osemwegie (Jr.)	40 Kevin Joyce (So.)
MLB	52 Otis Washington (Jr.)	47 Jonathan Goff (Fr.)
SLB	27 Eric Byrum (Sr.)	4 Herdley Harrison (Jr.)
CB	10 Dominique Morris (Jr.)	8 Cheron Thompson (Jr.)
CB	7 Bill Alford (Sr.)	20 Lorenzo Parker (Sr.)
FS	12 Kelechi Ohanaja (Jr.)	31 Ronnie Swoopes (Jr.)
SS	25 Ben Koger (Jr.)	36 Andrew Pace (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	Daniel Lee (Fr.)	KR	1 Kwane Doster (Jr.)
P	19 Kyle Keown (Fr.)	PR	2 Erik Davis (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Jay Cutler, 327-187-2,347-13, 18 TDs  
**Rushing:** Norval McKenzie, 162 car., 639 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Erik Davis, 41 rec., 638 yds., 8 TDs  
**Brandon Smith**, 39 rec., 595 yds., 2 TDs  
**Tackles:** Moses Osemwegie, 126, 78 solo  
**Sacks:** Jovan Haye, 8.5  
**Interceptions:** Dominique Morris, 3 for 54 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	South Carolina	*
S. 18	at Ole Miss	L
S. 25	at Navy	*
O. 2	Mississippi State	W
O. 9	Rutgers	*
O. 16	at Georgia	L
O. 23	Eastern Kentucky	W
O. 30	at LSU	L
N. 6	Florida	L
N. 13	at Kentucky	*
N. 20	Tennessee	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Ole Miss	L	21-24
S. 6	Chattanooga	W	51-6
S. 13	Auburn	L	7-45
S. 20	at TCU	L	14-30
S. 27	Georgia Tech	L	17-24
O. 4	at Miss. State	L	21-30
O. 11	Navy	L	27-37
O. 18	Georgia	L	8-27
O. 25	at South Carolina	L	24-35
N. 8	at Florida	L	17-35
N. 15	Kentucky	W	28-17
N. 22	at Tennessee	L	0-48

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.6 ppg	97
Rushing	145.0 ypg	67
Passing	207.1 ypg	69
Total	352.1 ypg	78
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.8 ppg	82
Rushing	180.8 ypg	84
Passing	199.4 ypg	30
Total	380.2 ypg	63
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-10	-0.83	104

Head Coach: Bobby Johnson

2003 Record (SEC): 2-10 (1-7)





## Offense

Hawaii began promoting starting quarterback Timmy Chang for the Heisman Trophy a year ago. And barring injury, the strong-armed 6'2" senior will shatter the NCAA career mark for passing yards sometime in early October.

"It's going to be an exciting year for him," head coach June Jones says. "I think he'll probably go through it in the fourth or fifth game of the season. I think it's going to be a record that's never going to be broken."

Chang is one of 13 offensive players with at least six starts who return from a 9-5 squad that defeated Houston 54-48 in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl and averaged 488.1 yards per game.

Three of the top four backs from a year ago return, led by powerful 6'1", 266-pound senior West Keliikipi, who had a team-high six rushing touchdowns despite missing the final four games with a knee injury.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a better group of wide receivers in the country than Hawaii's veteran unit, which is led by slotback Chad Owens, who caught 85 passes for 1,134 yards and nine touchdowns. Nate Ilaoa, who missed the 2003 season with a knee injury after starring as a freshman a year earlier, returns at right slotback.

Jones believes the Warriors' offensive line, led by sophomore left guard Samson Satele, could be his best unit yet.

## NUMBERS GAME

**2,218** Senior quarterback Timmy Chang needs to pass for 2,218 yards this season to break Ty Detmer's NCAA career passing record of 15,031 yards. Chang passed for 4,199 yards as a junior.

## Defense

The Warriors were hit hard by graduation on defense, where only three starters return. The defensive line lost all four starters, including

WAC Defensive Player of the Year Travis LaBoy, as well as talented first team All-WAC tackle Isaac Sopoaga, one of the strongest players at the NFL Draft scouting combine.

"We're going to be young in the defensive line but we've got some players," Jones says.

Jones is particularly high on junior defensive end Mel Purcell, who was named WAC Defensive Player of the Week after recording 12 tackles in a game against UTEP.

Junior Ikaika Curnan is the only returning starter at linebacker and will move from the weak-side to the middle after leading the Warriors in tackles.

Senior cornerback Abraham Elimimian is one of two returning starters in the secondary.

## Specialists

The Warriors have two experienced place-kickers returning in senior Justin Ayat and sophomore Nolan Miranda, who inherited the job near the end of the season and connected on 3-of-5 field goals and 21-of-22 PATs.

Kurt Milne returns as the punter after averaging 39.7 yards as a freshman and placing 19 kicks inside the 20.

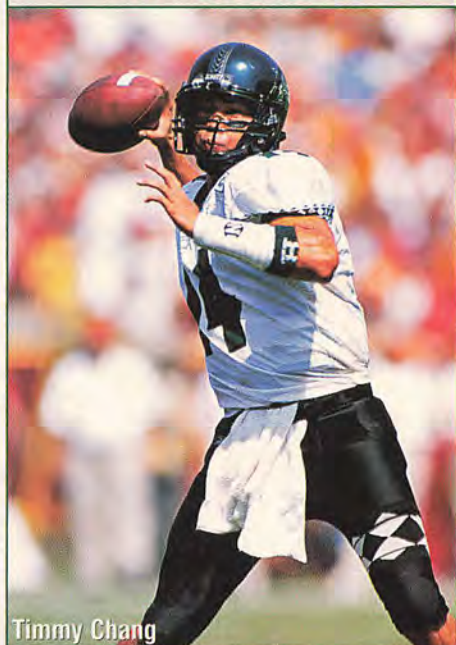
Owens, a Freshman All-American in 2001 as a return specialist, will once again be Hawaii's primary return man after spending the last two seasons focused on playing slotback.

## Final Analysis

Gentlemen, start your calculators. With almost everyone back on an explosive offense that averaged 488.1 yards and 34.7 points a year ago, the Warriors could average well over 40 points per game this season. The big question is, will they be able to stop anybody?

Jones believes he has the young talent on defense to step up and surprise people in the WAC this year. Still, there's nothing like game experience to bolster a player's confidence. To that end, the first three games of the season could set the tone for the Warriors.

## WAC Prediction: 3rd



Timmy Chang

## Depth Chart

### Offense (11)

WR	85 Jason Rivers (So.)	38 Gerald Welch (Sr.)
SB	2 Chad Owens (Sr.)	9 Britton Komine (Sr.)
SB	4 Nate Ilaoa (So.)	21 Jason Ferguson (Fr.)
WR	82 Ross Dickerson (So.)	87 Denny Flanagan (So.)
LT	70 Tala Esera (So.)	72 Dane Uperesa (So.)
LG	64 Samson Satele (So.)	65 Hercules Satele (Fr.)
C	59 Derek Faavi (Jr.)	63 Michael Lafaele (Fr.)
RG	69 Uriah Moenoa (Sr.)	67 Phil Kauffman (Sr.)
RT	66 Brandon Eaton (Jr.)	74 Jeremy Inferrera (So.)
QB	14 Timmy Chang (Sr.)	8 Kainoa Akina (Jr.)
RB	16 West Keliikipi (Sr.)	6 Michael Brewster (Sr.)

### Defense (3)

DE	90 Tony Akpan (Jr.)	95 Darrell Tautofi (Sr.)
DT	99 Lui Fuga (Sr.)	91 Matt Faga (Sr.)
DT	94 Abu Ma'afala (Jr.)	Austin Jackson (Jr.)
DE	98 Mel Purcell (Jr.)	96 Ikaika Alama-Francis (So.)
SLB	50 Lincoln Manutai (Sr.)	45 Tanuvasa Moe (Jr.)
MLB	51 Ikaika Curnan (Jr.)	49 Timo Paepule (Fr.)
WLB	5 Chad Kapanui (Sr.)	29 Kilinahe Noa (Sr.)
CB	37 Abraham Elimimian (Sr.)	31 Ray Bass (Fr.)
CB	24 Kenny Patton (So.)	36 Omega Hogan (Jr.)
SS	13 Paul Carroll (Sr.)	15 Lono Manners (Jr.)
FS	42 Leonard Peters (Jr.)	9 Matt Manuma (Sr.)

### Special Teams

K	47 Justin Ayat (Sr.)	KR	2 Chad Owens (Sr.)
P	25 Kurt Milne (So.)	PR	2 Chad Owens (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Timmy Chang, 601-353-4,199-20, 29 TDs

Rushing: Michael Brewster, 54 car., 405 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Chad Owens, 85 rec., 1,134 yds., 9 TDs

Tackles: Ikaika Curnan, 121, 71 solo

Sacks: Ikaika Curnan, 4

Interceptions: Abraham Elimimian, 4 for 17 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Florida Atlantic	W
S. 18	at Rice	W
O. 2	Tulsa	*
O. 9	Nevada	W
O. 16	at UTEP	W
O. 23	San Jose State	W
O. 30	at Boise State	*
N. 6	Louisiana Tech	W
N. 13	at Fresno State	L
N. 20	Idaho	W
N. 27	Northwestern	*
D. 4	Michigan State	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Appalachian St.	W	40-17
S. 13	at USC	L	32-61
S. 19	at UNLV	L	22-33
S. 27	Rice	W	41-21
O. 4	at Tulsa	L	16-27
O. 11	Fresno State	W	55-28
O. 18	at La. Tech	W	44-41
O. 25	UTEP	W	31-15
N. 1	at San Jose St.	W	13-10
N. 15	at Nevada	L	14-24
N. 22	Army	W	59-28
N. 29	Alabama	W	37-29
D. 6	Boise State	L	28-45
D. 25	#Houston	(3ot) W	54-48
	#Hawaii Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.7 ppg	14
Rushing	103.7 ypg	106
Passing	384.4 ypg	2
Total	488.1 ypg	6
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.5 ppg	85
Rushing	158.4 ypg	64
Passing	239.4 ypg	84
Total	397.7 ypg	76
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.57	100

Head Coach: June Jones

2003 Record (WAC): 9-5 (5-3)



## Offense

New Mexico's reputation as a running team should only be amplified this season.

The Lobos must break in a new starting quarterback, with sophomore Kole McKamey and senior Tali Ena competing for the job vacated by three-year starter Casey Kelly. McKamey, a dual-threat quarterback, is a better fit in offensive coordinator Dan Dodd's scheme. Ena is a more prototypical drop-back passer.

UNM is set at running back. Junior DonTrell Moore is the school's fourth all-time leading rusher and is 1,278 yards shy of the UNM record. Senior backup D.D. Cox had a pair of 100-yard games when Moore was slowed by a recurring ankle injury.

Hank Baskett is the only returning wide receiver with game experience, but the 6'4" junior is due for a breakout season. Baskett has had the most reliable hands on the team for the past three seasons, but he has to grow into the position after playing the position for just one season in high school. Junior college transfer Logan Hall gives UNM a legitimate pass-catching threat at tight end.

Third-team All-American Claude Terrell moves from strong guard to strong tackle to replace departed Jason Lenzmeier and leads an offensive line that returns three starters.

## NUMBERS GAME

**9-3** New Mexico is 9-3 in November games over the past three years, with a 3-1 record each season.

"We know we've got two quality running backs," seventh-year coach Rocky Long says. "Now it comes down to if the offensive line is as good as it was last year with the loss of two seniors. If the offensive line is productive, that makes it easier to develop a quarterback. He doesn't have to make as many plays on his own."

## Defense

Replacing three All-Mountain West Conference players on the line is UNM's top priority. Junior Marcus Parker has moved from end to nosetackle for more size in the middle, and the Lobos are counting on three junior college transfers to plug holes.

UNM may be in more four-linebacker sets because of the depth at that position. Senior Nick Speegle, who's been good the past three seasons, hopes to be great. Senior Fola Fashola has recovered from a torn knee ligament in 2003. He was the team's best linebacker before he went down at the end of the second game.

It's a good thing that veterans Gabriel Fulbright, Jerrell Malone and Brandon Payne all are tested cornerbacks. Due to inexperience on the line, their coverage skills will be at a premium. The Lobos lost experience at safety, but Josh Bazinet's savvy and Kevin Walton's athleticism should help compensate.

## Specialists

All-conference kicker Wes Zunker and two-year starting punter Tyler Gaus return, but UNM is breaking in a new deep snapper in red-shirt freshman Jon O'Brien. Zunker has done a better job of hitting kickoffs deep in the end zone during practice. UNM's special teams will be flooded with younger players.

## Final Analysis

Replacing 23 seniors from the 2003 Las Vegas Bowl representative will be no easy task. UNM could rely on as many as 12 junior college transfers. That, coupled with a tough non-conference schedule, could make for a rough start.

Long's teams traditionally get stronger as the season goes on, and this season should be no different. If McKamey or Ena can grab a firm hold on the quarterback position and UNM's defensive line can get up to speed quickly, the Lobos should again compete for the Mountain West Conference title.

## MWC Prediction: 3rd



DonTrell Moore

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	18 Hank Baskett (Jr.)	6 Chris Brawley (Jr.)
WR	26 Curtis Flakes (Sr.)	4 Marcus Smith (Fr.)
QT	79 Terrance Pennington (Jr.)	99 Nate Weber (So.)
QG	69 Bryan Humphreys (Sr.)	Bo Greer (Jr.)
C	63 Ryan Cook (Jr.)	66 Vince Natali (Fr.)
SG	59 Robert Turner (So.)	62 Fred Tucker (So.)
ST	76 Claude Terrell (Sr.)	74 Patrick Hodges (So.)
TE	88 Mike Augustyniak (Sr.)	82 Logan Hall (Jr.)
QB	12 Kole McKamey (So.)	11 Tali Ena (Sr.)
FB	44 Adrian Byrd (Jr.)	34 Landrick Brody (Sr.)
TB	22 DonTrell Moore (Jr.)	5 D.D. Cox (Sr.)

### Defense (4)

DE	Freddie McGowen (Jr.)	Donald Paul (Jr.)
NT	90 Marcus Parker (Jr.)	96 Kyle Coulter (Sr.)
DE	53 Adam Garday (Jr.)	99 Bryan Easterly (Jr.)
OLB	33 Fola Fashola (Sr.)	45 Joe Selander (Jr.)
ILB	56 Mike Mohoric (Jr.)	47 Cody Kase (Fr.)
ILB	55 Chrishone Harris (Sr.)	46 George Carter (Fr.)
OLB	89 Nick Speegle (Sr.)	14 Yimin Bauman (Jr.)
CB	23 Gabriel Fulbright (Jr.)	2 Aaron Brack (Jr.)
CB	19 Jerrell Malone (Jr.)	28 Brandon Payne (Sr.)
S	37 Josh Bazinet (Sr.)	32 Art Haynes (Jr.)
S	27 Kevin Walton (Sr.)	6 Charles Brown (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	30 Wes Zunker (Sr.)	KR	23 Gabriel Fulbright (Jr.)
P	25 Tyler Gaus (Jr.)	PR	22 DonTrell Moore (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Kole McKamey, 23-10-128-3, 2 TDs  
**Rushing:** DonTrell Moore, 276 car., 1,450 yds., 19 TDs  
**Receiving:** Hank Baskett, 17 rec., 288 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** Nick Speegle, 80, 45 solo  
**Sacks:** Marcus Parker, 3  
**Interceptions:** Gabriel Fulbright, 4 for 27 yds.

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### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 3	Washington State	*
S. 11	Texas Tech	L
S. 18	at Oregon State	L
S. 25	at New Mexico State	W
O. 2	Utah	L
O. 9	at Air Force	W
O. 16	at UNLV	W
O. 23	San Diego State	*
O. 30	at Colorado State	*
N. 13	at BYU	W
N. 20	Wyoming	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Texas State	W	72-8
S. 6	at Texas Tech	L	28-42
S. 13	BYU	L	7-10
S. 20	at Wash. State	L	13-23
S. 27	New Mexico State	W	24-17
O. 4	Utah State	W	34-7
O. 18	at San Diego State	W	30-7
O. 25	at Utah	W	47-35
N. 1	UNLV	L	35-37
N. 7	Colorado State	W	37-34
N. 15	Air Force	W	24-12
N. 22	at Wyoming	W	26-3
D. 24	#Oregon State	L	14-55

#Las Vegas Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.1 ppg	33
Rushing	210.0 ypg	16
Passing	190.5 ypg	87
Total	400.5 ypg	39
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ppg	39
Rushing	86.1 ypg	5
Passing	248.2 ypg	89
Total	334.3 ypg	28
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

Head Coach: Rocky Long

2003 Record (MWC): 8-5 (5-2)



## Offense

It's easy to see the impact that Steve Kragthorpe had on Tulsa in his first season as head coach, especially on offense. The former quarterbacks coach for the Buffalo Bills and offensive coordinator at Texas A&M helped a unit that had struggled in 2002 rank among the nation's top 30 teams in both scoring and rushing.

That offense returns eight starters, including talented senior quarterback James Kilian, a second-team All-WAC selection last season (his first as the starter). But Kragthorpe must find adequate replacements for his leading rusher (Eric Richardson), his top wide receiver (Romby Bryant) and his best offensive lineman (Austin Chadwick) if the team is to maintain its success.

At running back, Uril Parrish hopes to make a successful return from a torn ACL that caused him to miss the final four games and all contact drills during spring practice. Up until the injury, he led the team with 537 rushing yards.

Tulsa has two of the nation's best tight ends in Lombardi Award candidate Garrett Mills and veteran senior Caleb Blankenship but needs Montiese Culton, Jermaine Landrum and junior college transfer Ashlan Davis to step up as big-play threats on the outside.

Four starters return on an improving offensive line, but Kragthorpe would like to have more depth there.

## NUMBERS GAME

**22** First-year starter James Kilian threw 22 touchdowns last season. No Tulsa quarterback had thrown for more since 1965.

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Todd Graham spent most of spring practice trying to improve a run defense that allowed Georgia Tech's P.J. Daniels to rush for 307 yards and four scores in the

Yellow Jackets' 52-10 win over the Golden Hurricane in the Humanitarian Bowl.

The return of senior Josh Walker and the arrival of four newcomers, including three who weigh 300 pounds or more, should help the line do a better job of plugging the gaps for a play-making group of defensive backs and linebackers.

Tulsa's secondary is absolutely loaded, with leading tackler Kedrick Alexander and interception leader Oliver Fletcher among five starters returning. However, Alexander's availability for the fall is in doubt. He was suspended indefinitely in the spring after being arrested for burglary.

Lombardi Award candidate Nick Bunting, a first-team All-WAC performer and Freshman All-American last season, leads the linebackers. Senior Michael LeDet also returns to his starting spot on the outside.

## Specialists

Tulsa appears to be in decent shape with the return of punter Chris Kindred and steady placekicker Brad DeVault. Kindred started the first five games as a true freshman. The Golden Hurricane recruited Morgan Guidry to be the new deep snapper, while Landrum has proven to be one of the WAC's top punt returners.

## Final Analysis

Kragthorpe certainly set the bar high in his inaugural season as a head coach, guiding a Tulsa program that had won a combined two games over the previous two years to its first winning season and bowl appearance since 1991.

Now, the challenge is raising that bar yet another notch, which won't be easy. Five of Tulsa's first six games are against teams that played in bowl games last year. And this season, the Golden Hurricane won't be able to sneak up on anyone. "The element of surprise is gone," says Kragthorpe. "But I think we've garnered some respect from people in the WAC. Now we're going to have to live up to that billing."

## WAC Prediction: 4th



James Kilian

Larry Smith

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	84 Montiese Culton (Sr.)	80 Ashlan Davis (Jr.)
WR	13 Jermaine Landrum (Sr.)	2 Darrell Wimberly (Sr.)
LT	78 Jeff Perrett (So.)	66 Mike Mengers (So.)
LG	72 Victor Mercado (Jr.)	71 Matt Black (Sr.)
C	63 Derek Warehime (Sr.)	68 Tyrone Millsap (So.)
RG	61 Jesse Stoneham (Jr.)	60 Jeff Bryant (Jr.)
RT	56 Aaron Danenhauer (So.)	76 Tony Guined (Sr.)
TE	16 Caleb Blankenship (Sr.)	43 Cory Hathaway (Sr.)
TE	20 Garrett Mills (Jr.)	86 Josh Reed (Sr.)
QB	15 James Kilian (Sr.)	12 Paul Smith (So.)
RB	23 Uril Parrish (Jr.)	34 Brandon Diles (So.)

### Defense (9)

DE	97 Brandon Lohr (Sr.)	51 Robert Latu (So.)
NG	96 John Milla (So.)	94 Charles Walker (Jr.)
DE	95 Josh Walker (Sr.)	33 Kinny Spotwood (So.)
OLB	52 Kevin Hudson (So.)	44 Josh DuPree (Sr.)
MLB	41 Nick Bunting (So.)	55 Nelson Coleman (Fr.)
OLB	27 Michael LeDet (Sr.)	54 Shane Graham (Jr.)
CB	9 Oliver Fletcher (Sr.)	12 CJ Scott (Sr.)
CB	7 Jermaine Hope (Sr.)	22 Nick Graham (So.)
Ban	3 Kedrick Alexander (Jr.)	4 Bobby Blackshire (So.)
Spur	18 Clint Rountree (Sr.)	15 Burnell Smith (Fr.)
FS	19 Shannon Carter (So.)	30 Terrance Thomas (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	29 Brad DeVault (Jr.)	KR	23 Uril Parrish (Jr.)
P	5 Chris Kindred (So.)	PR	13 Jermaine Landrum (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: James Kilian, 331-188-2,217-11, 22 TDs

Rushing: James Kilian, 133 car., 605 yds., 7 TDs

Receiving: Garrett Mills, 53 rec., 456 yds., 10 TDs

Tackles: Kedrick Alexander, 121, 65 solo

Sacks: Michael LeDet, 4

Interceptions: Oliver Fletcher, 4 for 97 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Kansas	*
S. 11	at Oklahoma State	L
S. 18	Navy	*
S. 25	SW Missouri State	W
O. 2	at Hawaii	*
O. 16	Boise State	*
O. 23	at Nevada	W
O. 30	Rice	W
N. 6	at SMU	W
N. 13	at Louisiana Tech	W
N. 20	San Jose State	W
N. 27	UTEP	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Minnesota	L	10-49
S. 6	at Arkansas	L	13-45
S. 13	Texas State	W	41-15
S. 20	Arkansas State	W	54-7
O. 4	Hawaii	W	27-16
O. 11	at Boise State	L	20-27
O. 18	Nevada	L	21-28
O. 25	SMU	W	35-16
N. 1	at UTEP	W	56-28
N. 8	at Rice	W	31-28
N. 15	La. Tech	W	48-18
N. 22	at San Jose St.	W	34-32
J. 3	#Georgia Tech	L	10-52
	#Humanitarian Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.8 ppg	28
Rushing	191.7 ypg	23
Passing	196.1 ypg	80
Total	387.8 ypg	51
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	72
Rushing	197.8 ypg	99
Passing	180.9 ypg	16
Total	378.7 ypg	60
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.23	47

Head Coach: Steve Kragthorpe

2003 Record (WAC): 8-5 (6-2)





## Offense

Pass-oriented Arizona State will fling it out of a base twin tight end set this season. Fullback has been deleted from the playbook because of a dearth of quality players at the position and an overload of depth at tight end.

Senior quarterback Andrew Walter, who passed for 3,044 yards and 24 touchdowns last season, will need to be more accomplished in the intermediate passing game in this offense, with more passes aimed in the middle of the field.

Loren Wade established himself as a quality back last fall, gaining 773 yards on a healthy 5.7-yard average.

Coach Dirk Koetter still loves multiple wide receiver sets, but he's still looking for someone to pair with junior Derek Hagan, coming off a 66-catch, 1,076-yard season.

The offensive line features four players with starting experience, led by Grayling Love, a second-team all-conference selection at tackle who is moving to guard. It is a strength of the team.

The experienced line and running backs have a goal of increasing the ground output of 117.3 yards.

"That should open up stuff for us in the passing game," Walter says.

## NUMBERS GAME

**2** Quarterback Andrew Walter has two 3,000-yard seasons in his career, and those are the only two 3,000-yard seasons in ASU history.

## Defense

A modification of the defense was due after ASU struggled for the third consecutive season against Pac-10 competition; the Devils ranked eighth in the league in total defense, allowing 404.8 yards per game.

ASU is calling one of its three safeties a linebacker in a 4-3-4 defense. The players manning the new position are defensive backs, not tradi-

tional linebackers, but they'll play closer to the line of scrimmage.

Defensive coordinator Brent Guy says that the 4-3 package that's always been in ASU's 4-2-5 system is being emphasized more.

ASU has had difficulty in recent years recruiting defensive linemen, and the front is the biggest concern on the team. A pair of junior college defensive tackles arriving in August are expected to strengthen a depleted area.

Jamar Williams and Justin Burks were first-time starters at linebacker and will be better with a year's experience.

The same cast returns at cornerback, led by senior R.J. Oliver, but Koetter is looking for an upgrade in performance after he fired last year's cornerbacks coach and replaced him with former NFL All-Pro safety Mark Carrier.

The re-examination of the defense revealed that the safeties had too much to think about. This season Riccardo Stewart and the other safeties will do less thinking and more hitting.

## Specialists

Sophomore Jessie Ainsworth is back to handle the placements. Walk-on Chris MacDonald was the punter in the spring. A recruited walk-on or late-summer signing could produce another kicking prospect in the fall. Junior Josh Golden is the leading punt returner, and Hakim Hill has experience returning kickoffs.

## Final Analysis

Koetter is feeling the heat in Tempe with two losing seasons in his three years. And it's not just from the fans. The ASU athletic department needs to retire a \$1.3 million debt and a successful football program is part of the solution.

The schedule offers some relief with Iowa at home and an extra week to prepare for defending co-national champion USC.

With the wealth of offense in the Pac-10, ASU's rise is contingent on improved play from the revamped defense.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 7th



Andrew Walter

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	80 Derek Hagan (Jr.)	17 Terry Richardson (So.)
WR	89 Matt Miller (Jr.)	86 Rudy Burgess (Fr.)
LT	72 Chaz White (Jr.)	62 Brandon Rodd (Fr.)
LG	71 Grayling Love (Jr.)	66 Stephen Berg (So.)
C	53 Drew Hodgdon (Sr.)	73 Robert Gustavis (Fr.)
RG	78 Zach Krula (So.)	76 Mike Pollak (Fr.)
RT	52 Andrew Carnahan (So.)	79 Julius Orieukwu (Fr.)
TE	Zach Miller (Fr.)	82 Jamaal Lewis (So.)
TE	83 Lee Burghgraef (Jr.)	38 Kellen Mills (Fr.)
QB	16 Andrew Walter (Sr.)	15 Sam Keller (So.)
RB	34 Loren Wade (So.)	22 Hakim Hill (Jr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	50 Kyle Caldwell (So.)	67 Josh Brayer (Jr.)
DT	95 Gabe Reininger (Sr.)	DeWayne Hollyfield (Jr.)
DT	Quency Darley (Jr.)	1 Jordan Hill (So.)
DE	91 Jimmy Verdon (Sr.)	45 Mike Talbot (Jr.)
SLB	4 Jamar Williams (Jr.)	49 Ishmael Thrower (Sr.)
MLB	5 Justin Burks (Sr.)	Dale Robinson (Jr.)
DLB	28 Matt Fawley (Jr.)	24 Lamar Baker (Jr.)
CB	26 R.J. Oliver (Sr.)	23 Josh Golden (Jr.)
CB	8 Chris McKenzie (Sr.)	37 Mike Davis Jr. (Jr.)
SS	7 Riccardo Stewart (Sr.)	12 Emmanuel Franklin (Sr.)
FS	19 Josh Barrett (Fr.)	2 Maurice London (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	20 Jesse Ainsworth (So.)	KR	22 Hakim Hill (Jr.)
P	36 Chris MacDonald (Fr.)	PR	23 Josh Golden (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Andrew Walter, 421-221-3,044-10, 24 TDs  
 Rushing: Loren Wade, 136 car., 773 yds., 5 TDs  
 Receiving: Derek Hagan, 66 rec., 1,076 yds., 9 TDs  
 Tackles: Riccardo Stewart, 84, 51 solo  
 Sacks: Ishmael Thrower, 4.5  
 Interceptions: Riccardo Stewart, 3 for 19 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	UTEP	W
S. 11	at Northwestern	*
S. 18	Iowa	L
S. 25	Oregon State	L
O. 2	at Oregon	L
O. 16	at USC	L
O. 23	UCLA	*
O. 30	at California	L
N. 6	Stanford	W
N. 13	Washington State	*
N. 26	at Arizona	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	Northern Arizona	W	34-14
S. 13	Utah State	W	26-16
S. 20	at Iowa	L	2-21
S. 27	at Oregon State	L	17-45
O. 4	USC	L	17-37
O. 11	Oregon	W	59-14
O. 18	at North Carolina	W	33-31
O. 25	at UCLA	L	13-20
N. 1	California	L	23-51
N. 8	at Stanford	L	27-38
N. 15	at Wash. State	L	19-34
N. 28	Arizona	W	28-7

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.8 ppg	73
Rushing	117.3 ypg	96
Passing	274.3 ypg	20
Total	391.6 ypg	45
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.3 ppg	71
Rushing	150.8 ypg	53
Passing	253.9 ypg	95
Total	404.8 ypg	82
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	80

Head Coach: Dirk Koetter

2003 Record (Pac-10): 5-7 (2-6)





## Offense

Coach Bill Doba looks at it this way: At least he has choices, and those choices start at quarterback. Doba installed sophomore Josh Swogger as No. 1 at the end of spring drills, but Swogger had an up-and-down spring, while freshman Alex Brink made more impressive strides. Brink also gives Doba a clear contrast — a more mobile, improvisational quarterback as opposed to Swogger's strong-armed dropback gifts.

Running back Chris Bruhn's size and burst to the line make him a tough customer, but he's very much a work in progress. The revelation of the spring was the return of Allen Thompson, out for two years with various injuries but a solid complement to Bruhn if he can stay in one piece.

Receivers Chris Jordan (28 catches in 2003), Jason Hill, Trandon Harvey and Tramaine Murray return, along with Marty Martin, whose strong spring put him in the picture.

If the Cougars are unsettled in the skill areas, the line should buy a them a little time. Tackles Calvin Armstrong and Sam Lightbody are the bookends, and Doba thinks he has one of the Pac-10's top centers in junior Nick Muhlhauser.

## NUMBERS GAME

**168** The Cougars lead the nation with 168 quarterback sacks over the last four seasons.

## Defense

On the front, only senior Steve Cook returns with any experience. The Cougars uncovered a potential gem in the spring in freshman Ropati Pitoitua, and he'll probably wind up in a rotation with Aaron Johnson and Odell Howard. End Adam Braidwood is strong enough to take some shifts inside. Otherwise, Braidwood will be joined at end by Mkristo Bruce. They'll be hard-pressed to duplicate the 20 sacks D.D. Acholonu and Isaac Brown combined for a year ago.

The spring's grand experiment saw Will Derting move from the outside to middle line-backer. "I like it," says Derting, an All-Pac-10 performer on the outside. "They can't run away from you as much and I really like being in the middle of all the action."

The Cougars have produced four first-team All-Pac-10 defensive backs in the past three years, and if that streak is going to continue it'll take a premium year from the lone leftover starter, cornerback Karl Paymah. Safeties Hamza Abdullah and Jeremy Bohannon have paid their dues in nickel packages and on special teams.

## Specialists

There are few punters in the country as effective as junior Kyle Basler, the defensive MVP of the Holiday Bowl victory after pinning Texas inside its 5-yard line four times. And as a former high school quarterback, he's a reasonable threat to run or pass.

The Cougs lost their all-time leading scorer, placekicker Drew Dunning, and understudy Graham Siderius has so far been wildly inconsistent. Freshman Loren Langley will get a look.

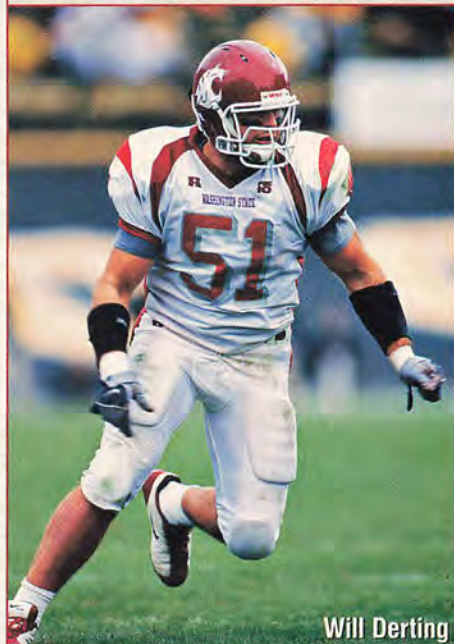
WSU must also replace return specialist Sammy Moore — receivers Murray and Hill the likely candidates.

## Final Analysis

Gone is the most successful class in Cougar history — players with 30 victories over the past three years. The Cougars are talented enough to post a fourth straight winning season for the first time in almost 70 years — but possibly too inexperienced to pull it off. At quarterback and at receiver, the Cougars must grow up in a hurry; this team may be able to run the ball very well, if defenses are kept honest.

Likewise, the Cougars are substantially untested at two crucial defensive spots — tackle and cornerback. But they do have youngsters who can grow into those jobs — provided they get stronger and stay healthy.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 8th



Will Derting

## Depth Chart

### Offense (4)

SE	86 Tramaine Murray (Jr.)	36 Jevon Miller (Jr.)
FL	88 Trandon Harvey (Sr.)	2 Chris Jordan (So.)
LT	67 Calvin Armstrong (Sr.)	72 Spencer Hollison (So.)
LG	77 Patrick Afif (Sr.)	70 Bobby Byrd (Fr.)
C	66 Nick Muhlhauser (Jr.)	73 Sean O'Connor (So.)
RG	78 Riley Fitt-Chappell (Jr.)	69 Keola Loo (Sr.)
RT	75 Sam Lightbody (Sr.)	55 Charles Harris (So.)
TE	81 Troy Bienemann (Jr.)	80 Cody Boyd (So.)
QB	9 Josh Swogger (So.)	8 Chris Hurd (Jr.)
SB	6 Marty Martin (Jr.)	89 Scott Selby (Fr.)
RB	33 Chris Bruhn (Sr.)	38 Allen Thompson (Jr.)

### Defense (2)

DE	94 Mkristo Bruce (So.)	82 Adam West (Jr.)
DT	99 Steve Cook (Sr.)	92 Ropati Pitoitua (Fr.)
DT	19 Odell Howard (So.)	40 Aaron Johnson (Fr.)
DE	13 Adam Braidwood (Jr.)	58 Matt Mullenix (Fr.)
WLB	46 Pat Bennett (Sr.)	49 Steve Dildine (So.)
MLB	51 Will Derting (Jr.)	54 Paul Stevens (Fr.)
SLB	42 Scott Davis (So.)	43 Brian Hall (So.)
CB	15 Karl Paymah (Sr.)	32 Omowale Dada (Jr.)
CB	25 Don Turner (So.)	21 Alex Teems (Jr.)
SS	26 Jeremy Bohannon (Sr.)	37 Eric Frampton (So.)
FS	28 Hamza Abdullah (Sr.)	41 Aaron Joseph (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	18 Graham Siderius (Jr.)	KR	86 Tramaine Murray (Jr.)
P	8 Kyle Basler (Jr.)	PR	86 Tramaine Murray (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Josh Swogger, 81-41-548-15, 21 TDs  
**Rushing:** Chris Bruhn, 78 car., 353 yds., 0 TDs  
**Receiving:** Troy Bienemann, 29 rec., 273 yds., 2 TDs  
**Tackles:** Will Derting, 86, 65 solo  
**Sacks:** Will Derting, 7.5  
**Interceptions:** Don Turner, 2 for 1 yd.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 3	at New Mexico	*
S. 11	#Colorado	*
S. 18	Idaho	W
O. 2	at Arizona	W
O. 9	Oregon	L
O. 16	Stanford	W
O. 23	at Oregon State	L
O. 30	USC	L
N. 6	at UCLA	*
N. 13	at Arizona State	*
N. 20	Washington	*
	#Seattle, WA	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Idaho	W	25-0
S. 6	at Notre Dame (ot)	L	26-29
S. 13	at Colorado	W	47-26
S. 20	New Mexico	W	23-13
S. 27	at Oregon	W	55-16
O. 4	Arizona	W	30-7
O. 18	at Stanford	W	24-14
O. 25	Oregon State	W	36-30
N. 1	at USC	L	16-43
N. 8	UCLA	W	31-13
N. 15	Arizona State	W	34-19
N. 22	at Washington	L	19-27
D. 30	#Texas	W	28-20
	#Holiday Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.3 ppg	31
Rushing	115.0 ypg	99
Passing	271.2 ypg	21
Total	386.2 ypg	54
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.8 ppg	23
Rushing	90.8 ypg	6
Passing	227.7 ypg	71
Total	318.5 ypg	19
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.62	18

Head Coach: Bill Doba

2003 Record (Pac-10): 10-3 (6-2)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters





## Offense

Any coach will tell you it's just as important for his quarterback to make the right decisions as it is for him to have a strong arm or fast legs. That's especially true in Paul Johnson's triple-option offense, and to a large degree, it is what kept senior Aaron Polanco on the bench behind Craig Candeto the last two years. With Candeto gone, this is Polanco's job to lose.

"I think Aaron might be as good an athlete as anyone we've had here," says Johnson. "If he's able to make good decisions, I think he will be awfully good."

Navy led the nation in rushing last year and should pile up yards on the ground again in 2004 with two of the school's most prolific backs returning. Kyle Eckel gained yards in bunches last season — his 1,249 rushing yards were the sixth-best total in school history. Eric Roberts is the ideal slot back. He led the team in receptions (20), receiving yards (493) and touchdown receptions (5), and placed third on the team in rushing yards (630).

The Midshipmen return senior starters at both wide receiver spots, and look at the gaudy numbers they posted last year: Amir Jenkins led all wideouts with 14 receptions, and Lionel Wesley was close behind with 13. They combined for one touchdown catch.

Seven of the 12 offensive linemen who paved the way for the nation's most potent rushing attack return in 2004.

## NUMBERS GAME

**8** Navy won eight games in 2003 — that's the number of wins the program earned in the previous four seasons combined.

## Defense

Navy is experienced on the defensive line, with senior ends Pierre Moss and Jeff Vanak flanking senior noseguard Babatunde Akingbemi. A junior who will also compete for

a job at end is Jeremy Chase, who moves up from linebacker.

While the Midshipmen return 10 of 12 linebackers from last year, the task for this unit will be to make fans forget about Eddie Carthan, a three-year starter at outside linebacker. The unit's ability to fill Carthan's shoes is undoubtedly the biggest question mark for the defense.

While seniors dominate the depth chart at just about every position, Navy does have youth — and thus question marks — in the defensive backfield. One of the veterans in the secondary, however, is senior Josh Smith, a safety the Middies are promoting for All-America honors.

## Specialists

The kicking positions are a concern. Sophomore punter Tim Washburn will see his first action and placekicker Geoff Blumenfeld inherits the starting job after hitting just 3-of-6 field goals last year.

Speedy Jeremy McGown (kickoffs) and Jason Tomlinson (punts) are back as return men.

## Final Analysis

Since arriving in Annapolis, Johnson has delivered what every hard-luck program dreams a new coach will accomplish — a quick and complete turnaround. With just three road games on the schedule, and a relatively soft home slate, the table is set for another bowl run.

The key to Navy's fortunes is the play of Polanco. If he can navigate the triple-option attack as successfully as Craig Candeto did last year, the nation's leading rushing team in 2003 should be just as potent. Eckel and Roberts are two of the most productive offensive threats in Navy history. With seniors starting at every spot on the offensive line, there's no reason to believe they won't continue to pile up big numbers in 2004.

## Independent



Kyle Eckel

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	17 Amir Jenkins (Sr.)	87 Jason Tomlinson (So.)
WR	18 Lionel Wesley (Sr.)	83 Mick Yokitis (Jr.)
LT	61 Tyson Stahl (Sr.)	66 Brian Rutledge (So.)
LG	65 Dennis Ray Phillips (Sr.)	60 Zach Gallion (So.)
C	74 August Roitsch (Sr.)	64 Marshall Green (Jr.)
RG	71 Matt McLaughlin (Sr.)	59 Kevin Schwind (Sr.)
RT	62 Casey Hughes (Sr.)	77 Sam Brown (Sr.)
QB	6 Aaron Polanco (Sr.)	2 Lamar Owens (Jr.)
FB	32 Kyle Eckel (Sr.)	38 Michael Brimage (Sr.)
SB	34 Eric Roberts (Sr.)	21 Trey Hines (So.)
SB	15 Frank Divis (Sr.)	46 Ryan Barry (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	92 Pierre Moss (Sr.)	99 Sean McElhanon (Sr.)
NG	91 Babatunde Akingbemi (Sr.)	90 Dan Wendolowski (Jr.)
DE	93 Jeff Vanak (Sr.)	49 Jeremy Chase (Jr.)
OLB	48 Reggie Sealey (Sr.)	47 Evan Beard (Jr.)
ILB	51 Bobby McClarin (Sr.)	53 T.J. Costello (Sr.)
ILB	44 Lane Jackson (Sr.)	55 Dustin Elliott (Sr.)
OLB	40 David Mahoney (So.)	45 Tyler Tidwell (So.)
CB	23 Vaughn Kelley (Sr.)	13 Hunter Reddick (So.)
CB	4 Keenan Little (So.)	5 Lord Cole (Sr.)
ROV	25 DuJuan Price (So.)	26 Jason Robinson (Jr.)
FS	33 Josh Smith (Sr.)	14 Kevin Newsome (So.)

### Special Teams

K	81 Geoff Blumenfeld (Sr.)	KR	8 Jeremy McGown (So.)
P	37 Tim Washburn (So.)	PR	87 Jason Tomlinson (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Aaron Polanco, 20-8-98-1, 0 TDs  
 Rushing: Kyle Eckel, 236 car., 1,249 yds., 10 TDs  
 Receiving: Eric Roberts, 20 rec., 493 yds., 5 TDs  
 Tackles: Josh Smith, 108, 45 solo  
 Sacks: Jeremy Chase, 4  
 Interceptions: Josh Smith, 4 for 53 yds.

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### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Duke	W
S. 11	Northeastern	W
S. 18	at Tulsa	*
S. 25	Vanderbilt	*
S. 30	at Air Force	*
O. 16	#Notre Dame	L
O. 23	%Army	W
O. 30	Delaware	W
N. 6	at Tulane	W
N. 20	Rutgers	*
D. 4	%Army	W
	#East Rutherford, NJ	
	%Philadelphia, PA	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	VMI	W	37-10
S. 6	at TCU	L	3-17
S. 20	E. Michigan	W	39-7
S. 27	at Rutgers	L	27-48
O. 4	Air Force	W	28-25
O. 11	at Vanderbilt	W	37-27
O. 18	at Rice	W	38-6
O. 25	Delaware	L	17-21
N. 1	Tulane	W	35-17
N. 8	at Notre Dame	L	24-27
N. 22	C. Michigan	W	63-34
D. 6	Army	W	34-6
D. 30	#Texas Tech	L	14-38
	#Houston Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.5 ppg	30
Rushing	323.2 ypg	1
Passing	100.3 ypg	116
Total	423.5 ypg	27
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.8 ppg	34
Rushing	172.5 ypg	78
Passing	180.2 ypg	14
Total	352.8 ypg	42
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.54	25

Head Coach: Paul Johnson

2003 Record: 8-5



## Offense

Craig Ver Steeg made just one mistake in his first year as Rutgers' offensive coordinator last fall: He left little room for improvement for his second year. Ver Steeg oversaw a unit that produced the second-highest totals in school history for total yards, points and first downs while setting the mark for passing yards.

Junior quarterback Ryan Hart was the triggerman, setting school records for passing yards (2,714), attempts (398) and completions (234). Ryan, one of nine returning offensive starters, has an embarrassment of riches to work with this year. Wide receivers Tres Moses and Shawn Tucker both caught 50 passes or more, as did running back Brian Leonard, who led the team in receptions (53), rushing yards (880) and touchdowns (14) as a redshirt freshman.

Hart needs to stay healthy, and the offensive line has to avoid any down time among the starters for the assault on opposing defenses to continue.

## NUMBERS GAME

**4,423** Rutgers' compiled 4,423 total yards under first-year coordinator Craig Ver Steeg. It was the second-highest in school history — and 1,855 yards more than the previous season.

## Defense

The Knights' front seven could be the school's best in more than a decade, even with the graduation of standout defensive end Raheem Orr. The return of Ryan Neill to the position, after he missed all of last year following knee surgery, should ease Orr's loss.

Val Barnaby and Piana Lukabu made major strides at the end spots last year. Gary Gibson and Luis Rivas return to their starting tackle spots but will be pushed by Nate Robinson and David Harley. Rutgers is deep, talented and experienced up front.

Five of the top six linebackers return, and if they can stay healthy — which they couldn't do last season — the Knights should show marked improvement. William Beckford returns after missing the final five games with a knee injury. DeVraun Thompson and Will Gilkison are both proven and experienced starters now. Thompson started four games at middle linebacker as a true freshman last year. Berkeley Hutchinson, Brad Cunningham, Terry Bynes and Quintero Frierson provide quality depth.

The secondary is a concern despite the return of strong safety Jarvis Johnson, last year's leading tackler with 97. Eddie Grimes and Derrick Roberson are the frontrunners for the open cornerback spots. As was the case all of last year, free safety is again up for grabs — with the same trio of players competing.

## Specialists

Joe Radigan is entrenched as the punter for the next three years after a solid season as a redshirt freshman. The Knights hope true freshman Jeremy Ito will be the answer to their erratic placekicking.

Moses was second in the Big East in punt returns last year, but the team is without a proven kick returner.

## Final Analysis

Greg Schiano has been pointing to this season since he arrived four years ago and vowed to do what only one other Rutgers coach has done — deliver a bowl bid. The program hasn't had a winning season since 1992, but last year's promising 5-7 season with a young team has the Knights poised for a breakthrough year. Proven talent abounds and the schedule is reasonable — helped by a revamped Big East that no longer includes Miami and Virginia Tech. Keeping Hart healthy is critical and avoiding injuries in the offensive line is essential, but there is no reason this team can't have a winning season and play in a bowl.

## Big East Prediction: 3rd



Ryan Hart

Brad Schloss

## Depth Chart

## Offense (9)

SE	4 Shawn Tucker (Jr.)	9 Marcus Daniels (So.)
FL	8 Tres Moses (Sr.)	80 Jerry Andre (Sr.)
LT	78 Ron Green (Sr.)	71 Pedro Sosa (So.)
LG	73 Brian Duffy (Sr.)	72 Mike Fladell (So.)
C	63 Will Vogt (Jr.)	58 Joe Henley (Jr.)
RG	76 John Glass (Sr.)	61 Mike Clancy (Sr.)
RT	79 Sameeh McDonald (Sr.)	66 Clint Dato (Sr.)
TE	47 Ray Pilch (Sr.)	87 Chris Loomis (Sr.)
QB	13 Ryan Hart (Jr.)	11 Terrence Shawell (So.)
FB	23 Brian Leonard (So.)	34 Ishmael Medley (Sr.)
RB	21 Justise Hairston (So.)	7 Markis Facyson (Jr.)

## Defense (8)

DE	94 Val Barnaby (Jr.)	56 Eric Foster (So.)
DT	98 Luis Rivas (Jr.)	93 David Harley (Sr.)
DT	95 Gary Gibson (Sr.)	99 Nate Robinson (So.)
DE	39 Piana Lukabu (Sr.)	91 Ryan Neill (Sr.)
LB	36 DeVraun Thompson (So.)	10 Berkeley Hutchinson (Jr.)
LB	38 William Gilkison (Jr.)	37 Brad Cunningham (Sr.)
LB	35 William Beckford (Jr.)	3 Terry Bynes (Jr.)
CB	36 Derrick Roberson (So.)	43 Joe Porter (So.)
CB	31 Eddie Grimes (Sr.)	26 Leslie Collins (Jr.)
SS	20 Jarvis Johnson (Sr.)	29 Dondre Asberry (Jr.)
FS	33 Jason Nugent (Jr.)	28 Bryan Durango (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	Jeremy Ito (Fr.)	KR	8 Tres Moses (Sr.)
P	30 Joe Radigan (So.)	PR	8 Tres Moses (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Ryan Hart, 398-234-2,714-19, 15 TDs  
 Rushing: Brian Leonard, 213 car., 880 yds., 9 TDs  
 Receiving: Brian Leonard, 53 rec., 488 yds., 5 TDs  
 Tackles: Jarvis Johnson, 97, 51 solo  
 Sacks: Piana Lukabu, 4.5  
 Interceptions: Jarvis Johnson, 2 for 47 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Michigan State	*
S. 11	New Hampshire	W
S. 18	Kent State	W
O. 2	at Syracuse	*
O. 9	at Vanderbilt	*
O. 16	Temple	W
O. 23	at Pittsburgh	*
O. 30	West Virginia	L
N. 6	at Boston College	L
N. 20	at Navy	*
N. 25	Connecticut	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Buffalo	W	24-10
S. 6	at Michigan St.	L	28-44
S. 13	at Army	W	36-21
S. 27	Navy	W	48-27
O. 4	Virginia Tech	L	22-48
O. 11	at West Virginia	L	19-34
O. 18	Pittsburgh	L	32-42
O. 25	at Temple	W	30-14
N. 8	at Connecticut	L	31-38
N. 15	Boston College	L	25-35
N. 22	at Miami	L	10-34
N. 29	Syracuse	W	24-7

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.4 ppg	55
Rushing	139.9 ypg	69
Passing	229.8 ypg	45
Total	369.7 ypg	71
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.5 ppg	80
Rushing	163.1 ypg	68
Passing	216.4 ypg	52
Total	379.5 ypg	61
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	94

Head Coach: Greg Schiano

2003 Record (Big East): 5-7 (2-5)





## Offense

Life would be relatively easy for Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris if he were only dealing with a new starting quarterback. But his Panthers also feature a new tailback, a new fullback, a new wide receiver, a new tight end and three new offensive linemen. That's eight new faces on offense.

"You always welcome the challenge," Harris says. "Does it make you nervous? You're not being honest if you say losing so many offensive starters doesn't make you nervous."

Redshirt sophomores Tyler Palko and Luke Getsy are looking to succeed two-time All-Big East pick Rod Rutherford, who threw for 37 touchdowns last season in Harris' West Coast scheme. The Palko-Gettsy derby could continue even after the season begins, as Harris might juggle his starting quarterbacks from week to week. Palko was the prize of Pitt's 2001 recruiting class, while Getsy arrived under the radar. Palko is more athletic of the two and is the consummate leader. Getsy has a livelier arm.

The duo has combined for five career completions and 45 yards with no touchdowns. They'll be playing behind a makeshift offensive line and throwing to a receiving corps that lacks a player of 2003 Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald's caliber, though sophomore Greg Lee is a budding star.

## NUMBERS GAME

**5** The four scholarship quarterbacks on Pittsburgh's roster have a combined total of five completions. Luke Getsy has three; Tyler Palko two.

A solid running game would help ease the transition for Pittsburgh's new quarterbacks, but juniors Jawan Walker and Raymond Kirkley have yet to prove they can carry the load. The offensive line is the biggest area of concern, as three of the five positions will be manned by unproven starters.

## Defense

Pittsburgh returns seven starters on defense, but that's not necessarily a good thing, considering it was one of the worst units in the country in 2003. The Panthers routinely got dominated up front and yielded 185.0 rushing yards and 402.6 total yards per game. Four opponents amassed more than 500 yards and three tailbacks scorched them for 200-plus.

There's no telling if things will get better, with three of four starters, including seniors Vince Crochunis and Dan Stephens and junior Thomas Smith, returning in the trenches.

A young linebacking corps could be the lifeblood, led by bone-jarring middle linebacker Clint Session. Pittsburgh must also replace both starters at cornerback. On-again, off-again starter Josh Lay will have to lead the way. Two-year starting safeties Tez Morris and Ty Gilliard should help ease the transition for the inexperienced cornerbacks.

## Specialists

Punter Adam Graessle replaces two-time Big East Special Teams Player of the Year Andy Lee, and kicker David Abdul attempts to rebound from a season that saw him go 9-of-18 on field goals.

## Final Analysis

Harris faces his biggest rebuilding project since taking over eight years ago. And, whereas his 2003 team underachieved, he'll need this one to overachieve. Even with all the uncertainty, the Panthers have a shot at going to their fifth consecutive bowl game thanks to a favorable schedule featuring games against relatively new Division I-A programs South Florida (which beat Pittsburgh in 2001) and Connecticut, along with Ohio and Division I-AA Furman. With former powers Miami and Virginia Tech now in the ACC, the Panthers could even sneak into contention for the league's BCS berth.

## Big East Prediction: 4th



Jawan Walker

## Depth Chart

### Offense (3)

SE	8 Princell Brockenbrough (Sr.)	80 Terrell Allen (So.)
FL	86 Greg Lee (So.)	81 Joe Stephens (Jr.)
LT	78 Rob Pettiti (Sr.)	67 Mike DeLuca (Fr.)
LG	72 Rob Frederick (Sr.)	68 Matt Maier (Sr.)
C	62 Justin Belarski (Sr.)	64 Chris Vangas (Fr.)
RG	60 John Simonitis (So.)	61 Eric Fritz (So.)
RT	63 Mike McGlynn (Fr.)	74 Dale Williams (Jr.)
TE	45 Erik Gill (Jr.)	84 Steve Buches (So.)
QB	3 Tyler Palko (So.)	11 Luke Getsy (So.)
FB	23 Tim Murphy (Jr.)	40 Justin Acierno (Sr.)
TB	43 Raymond Kirkley (Jr.)	34 Jawan Walker (Jr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	41 Azzie Beagnyam (So.)	54 Charles Sallet (So.)
DT	96 Vince Crochunis (Sr.)	56 Charles Spencer (Jr.)
DT	94 Dan Stephens (Sr.)	93 Jake Holthaus (Sr.)
DE	55 Thomas Smith (Jr.)	95 Keith Hill (Sr.)
SLB	44 Brian Bennett (So.)	51 H.B. Blades (So.)
MLB	17 Clint Session (So.)	37 Chris McKillop (Fr.)
WLB	21 J.J. Horne (Jr.)	6 Malcolm Postell (Sr.)
CB	9 Josh Lay (Jr.)	35 Larry Moore (So.)
CB	22 Reggie Carter (So.)	10 Mike Phillips (Fr.)
SS	31 Tyrone Gilliard (Sr.)	46 Sam Bryant (So.)
FS	20 Tez Morris (Jr.)	28 Eric Thatcher (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	16 David Abdul (Jr.)	KR	80 Terrell Allen (So.)
P	18 Adam Graessle (So.)	PR	80 Terrell Allen (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Jawan Walker, 1-1-35-0, 1 TD

Rushing: Jawan Walker, 107 car., 407 yds., 3 TDs

Receiving: Princell Brockenbrough, 35 rec., 616 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Brian Bennett, 118, 79 solo

Sacks: Brian Bennett, 3

Interceptions: 4 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 6	at South Florida	*
S. 11	Ohio	W
S. 18	Nebraska	L
S. 25	Furman	W
S. 30	at Connecticut	*
O. 9	at Temple	W
O. 16	Boston College	L
O. 23	Rutgers	*
N. 6	at Syracuse	*
N. 13	at Notre Dame	L
N. 25	West Virginia	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	Kent State	W	43-3
S. 13	Ball State	W	42-21
S. 20	at Toledo	L	31-35
S. 27	at Texas A&M	W	37-26
O. 11	Notre Dame	L	14-20
O. 18	at Rutgers	W	42-32
O. 25	Syracuse	W	34-14
N. 1	at Boston College	W	24-13
N. 8	Virginia Tech	W	31-28
N. 15	at West Virginia	L	31-52
N. 22	at Temple	W	30-16
N. 29	Miami	L	14-28
D. 27	#Virginia	L	16-23
	#Continental Tire Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.9 ppg	35
Rushing	117.5 ypg	95
Passing	288.2 ypg	14
Total	405.7 ypg	34
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.9 ppg	53
Rushing	185.0 ypg	87
Passing	217.6 ypg	54
Total	402.6 ypg	79
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

Head Coach: Walt Harris

2003 Record (Big East): 8-5 (5-2)





## Offense

Colorado State will return to its offensive roots this fall now that quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt has moved on. When Van Pelt, the school's all-time leader in total offense, was in command, the offense was altered to suit his superior running skills. With Justin Holland under center, the Rams will go back to their familiar drop-back passing attack out of a one-back set that features two tight ends, two wideouts and an H-back.

Holland, who got significant playing time the past two seasons as Van Pelt's backup, is a superb passer. Holland is a former prep All-American who threw for 10,567 yards in high school, and coach Sonny Lubick has been waiting to unleash him on CSU's foes. Holland will have plenty of targets, too. Wideout David Anderson set school records with 72 catches and 1,293 yards last season, and H-back Joel Dreessen should contend for national honors. Tight end Matt Bartz is another huge, sure-handed receiver who will create coverage headaches.

The offensive line, which features returning starters Erik Pears, Mike Brisiel and Albert Bimper, should be very good. The key will be finding a suitable running back. Jimmy Green, who rose from No. 5 on the preseason depth chart to starter last fall, and Marcus Houston are the frontrunners, with Uldis Jaunarajs in the mix as well.

## NUMBERS GAME

**12** CSU surrendered 12 touchdowns of 30 or more yards last year — hardly the number you expect with a bend-but-don't-break defensive approach.

## Defense

Lubick faces a massive rebuilding project on defense. End Patrick Goodpaster anchors the front, and cornerback-turned-safety Ben Stratton captains the secondary. Both have all-MWC potential. In between are gaping holes.

End Luke Adkins and tackles Delroy Parke, Chris Kiffin and Jonathon Simon will get most of the playing time on the line. Jahmal Hall, Courtney Jones, junior college transfer Chris Davis and former safety Landon Jones are the top linebackers.

Brandon Cathy, Liddon Levine, Lukas Davis, converted linebacker Adam Lancisero and transfers Robert Clark and Robert Herbert figure to man the secondary.

## Specialists

The Rams lost a huge weapon in return specialist Dexter Wynn, who departed with more than 2,000 career return yards to his credit. Anderson, who got some work returning kicks and punts last year, probably will open the season in that role.

Kicker/punter Jeff Babcock is very reliable, with 37 field goals the past two seasons and a 42.1-yard average last year on punts. Strong-legged freshman Jim Kaylor could take over at punter, if needed.

## Final Analysis

With perhaps the toughest non-league schedule in school history, Lubick picked a bad time to have his first major rebuilding season. The Rams will be fortunate to win one of a hellish three-game gauntlet to open the season that features road games at Colorado and USC and Minnesota at home. If Holland and the offense can live up to expectations, the Rams can score big points. Anderson and Dreessen are as good as the MWC has to offer, and the line should be solid.

Unfortunately, the offense probably will need to score and score often, because a youth-filled defense figures to be vulnerable. CSU's fortunes will be determined by how quickly the defense grows up. If the Rams can survive the opening stretch with minimal injuries and their confidence intact, they should have a decent chance to make their sixth consecutive bowl trip.

## MWC Prediction: 4th



David Anderson

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	4 David Anderson (Jr.)	27 George Hill (Fr.)
WR	85 Dustin Osborn (So.)	7 Johnny Walker (Fr.)
WT	63 Mike Brisiel (Jr.)	79 Dan Crews (Fr.)
WG	76 Josh Day (So.)	71 Patrick Majcher (Fr.)
C	53 Jassem Redha (So.)	64 Nick Allotta (Fr.)
SG	77 Albert Bimper (Jr.)	78 Jason Haskell (So.)
ST	74 Erik Pears (Sr.)	72 Justin Tyler (Fr.)
TE	92 Matt Bartz (Jr.)	17 Clint Oldenburg (So.)
HB	81 Joel Dreessen (Sr.)	88 Brandon Alconcel (Jr.)
QB	8 Justin Holland (Jr.)	19 Joey Kearney (So.)
RB	18 Jimmy Green (Jr.)	20 Marcus Houston (Sr.)

### Defense (3)

DE	99 Patrick Goodpaster (Sr.)	86 Terrance Carter (Jr.)
NT	90 Delroy Parke (Jr.)	95 Erik Sandie (Fr.)
DT	91 Jonathon Simon (Sr.)	93 Chris Kiffin (Sr.)
DE	9 Luke Adkins (So.)	44 Bob Vomhof (Fr.)
SLB	2 Jahmal Hall (Jr.)	49 John Nichols (Fr.)
MLB	52 Courtney Jones (Jr.)	58 Luke Mueller (So.)
WLB	54 Landon Jones (Sr.)	50 Chris Davis (Jr.)
CB	1 Brandon Cathy (So.)	24 Chase Weber (So.)
CB	28 Liddon Levine (Fr.)	39 Daryl Williams (Fr.)
SS	32 Adam Lancisero (Sr.)	11 Lukas Davis (So.)
FS	3 Ben Stratton (Jr.)	27 David Foley (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	14 Jeff Babcock (Sr.)	KR	4 David Anderson (Jr.)
P	14 Jeff Babcock (Sr.)	PR	4 David Anderson (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Justin Holland, 55-37-381-2, 3 TDs  
**Rushing:** Marcus Houston, 158 car., 636 yds., 9 TDs  
**Receiving:** David Anderson, 72 rec., 1,293 yds., 9 TDs  
**Tackles:** Ben Stratton, 79, 50 solo  
**Sacks:** Patrick Goodpaster, 5  
**Interceptions:** Ben Stratton, 4 for 35 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Colorado	L
S. 11	at USC	L
S. 18	Minnesota	L
S. 25	Montana State	W
O. 2	BYU	W
O. 16	at San Diego State	L
O. 22	Wyoming	W
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>New Mexico</b>	*
N. 6	at Utah	L
N. 13	UNLV	W
<b>N. 20</b>	<b>at Air Force</b>	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Colorado	L	35-42
S. 6	at California	W	23-21
S. 13	Weber State	W	31-7
S. 20	Miami (OH)	L	21-41
S. 27	Utah	L	21-28
O. 4	Fresno State	W	34-10
O. 9	at BYU	W	58-13
O. 16	Air Force	W	30-20
N. 1	at Wyoming	L	28-35
N. 7	at New Mexico	L	34-37
N. 15	San Diego State	W	21-6
N. 22	at UNLV	W	24-23
D. 31	#Boston College	L	21-35
	#San Francisco Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.3 ppg	37
Rushing	190.8 ypg	25
Passing	248.2 ypg	35
Total	438.9 ypg	21
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.5 ppg	55
Rushing	154.6 ypg	60
Passing	215.2 ypg	51
Total	369.9 ypg	55
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.15	108

Head Coach: Sonny Lubick

2003 Record (MWC): 7-6 (4-3)





huskies

## Offense

Northern Illinois won't have any problem scoring points. The Huskies return the bulk of an offense that averaged 32.2 points per game but will need to replace its most valuable asset. Michael 'The Burner' Turner ran for 1,648 yards last year and ended his career with 4,941 yards. Junior A.J. Harris might not possess Turner's running ability, but he gives the Huskies their first running/catching threat in years. Adrian Davis, Garrett Wolfe and Cas Prime should factor into the mix.

Durable senior quarterback Josh Haldi proved to be a consistent winner. He owns an 18-6 career record and has attempted 590 of NIU's 615 passes over the past two seasons. Haldi passed for 2,544 yards and threw 25 touchdowns with just nine interceptions last fall. "Josh is very efficient and a great decision-maker," says ninth-year coach Joe Novak.

The receivers are big, fast and talented. The best of the group is Dan Sheldon, who returns after missing the last seven games due to an elbow injury. The speedster is joined by downfield threat Sam Hurd and sure-handed Shatone Powers.

Despite the loss of all-conference center Todd Ghilani, the offensive line should be a strength. Tackle Jake VerStraete anchors a big and smart group.

## NUMBERS GAME

**12** The Huskies reached as high as No. 12 in the national rankings last fall. They checked in at 12th in the Associated Press poll in mid-October after beating Western Michigan.

## Defense

The biggest hits suffered by the Huskies came on the defensive side. The big-play defense lost four all-conference players, as well as coordinator Scott Shafer, hired by Illinois.

The linebackers should be a stabilizing force. Brian Atkinson slides over to the middle after playing the strong-side spot the last two years. The defensive line looks shaky, with Travis Moore and Martin Wilson as the only experienced returnees. The secondary has helped account for the majority of the league-leading 44 interceptions the last two years. Senior free safety Lionel Hickenbottom is the most experienced member of the secondary. Rob Lee and Adriel Hansbro will handle the corners and Ray Smith takes over at strong safety.

## Specialists

The loss of four-time all-conference kicker Steve Azar is a big hole to fill. "The last four years, Steve Azar may have spoiled us," Novak says. "He was Mr. Automatic for us, a truly great kicker." True freshman Chris Nendick has the tough job of taking over for Azur. Punter Anthony Gallagher should be improved after a full season under his belt.

Sheldon looks to return to the form he showed as the nation's leading punt returner in 2002.

## Final Analysis

The loss of eight all-conference players and four coaches should lead to a bumpy start. But the Huskies still have the talent to contend for a third straight West Division title. Northern Illinois' schedule doesn't make matters easy, with road games at Maryland and Iowa State, two teams hungry for revenge. The conference slate is favorable, with home games against Toledo and Bowling Green.

The Huskies will have to adjust to another season in the limelight, playing two games on ESPN. Whether the defense can adjust to a new coordinator and several first-year starters could be the key to another title run. The offense has the tools for another high-scoring season, but the defense must come together and slow down the opposition.

## MAC West Prediction: 2nd



Jake VerStraete

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

SE	84 Sam Hurd (Jr.)	14 Jarret Carter (So.)
WR	5 Dan Sheldon (Sr.)	31 Kevin Woods (Sr.)
FL*	83 Shatone Powers (Jr.)	7 David McDermott (Sr.)
LT	62 Doug Free (So.)	70 Chris Acevedo (Fr.)
LG	79 Ben Lueck (Sr.)	61 Matt Rogers (So.)
C	65 Brian Van Acker (Jr.)	58 George Daglas (Jr.)
RG	68 Jake Ebenhoch (Jr.)	74 Matt Biondi (Fr.)
RT	68 Jake VerStraete (Sr.)	64 Seren Woodfork-Bey (Fr.)
TE	89 Brad Cieslak (Sr.)	80 Pat Raleigh (Jr.)
HB	86 Jake Nordin (So.)	49 Brad Benson (So.)
QB	10 Josh Haldi (Sr.)	3 Phil Horvath (So.)
TB	24 A.J. Harris (Jr.)	39 Adrian Davis (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	50 Kursten Strothman (Sr.)	34 Ken West (So.)
DT	90 Martin Wilson (Sr.)	92 Adam Schroeder (Fr.)
NT	98 Eric Pittman (So.)	97 Justin McIntyre (Jr.)
DE	56 Travis Moore (Sr.)	96 Quince Holman (Jr.)
SLB	22 Jason Hawkins (Sr.)	85 Jason Hutton (Jr.)
MLB	38 Brian Atkinson (Sr.)	33 Keenan Blalack (So.)
WLB	47 Javan Lee (Jr.)	41 Marlon Watson (Sr.)
CB	12 Adriel Hansbro (So.)	8 Jimmy Toussaint (Fr.)
CB	27 Rob Lee (Sr.)	11 Alvah Hansbro (So.)
SS	48 Ray Smith (Jr.)	35 Dustin Utschig (So.)
FS	9 Lionel Hickenbottom (Sr.)	23 Devron Francis (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	Chris Nendick (Fr.)	KR	9 Lionel Hickenbottom (Sr.)
P	26 Anthony Gallagher (Sr.)	PR	5 Dan Sheldon (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Josh Haldi, 336-199-2,544-9, 25 TDs  
**Rushing:** A.J. Harris, 65 car., 272 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Sam Hurd, 29 rec., 438 yds., 2 TDs  
**Tackles:** Brian Atkinson, 108, 65 solo  
**Sacks:** Brian Atkinson, 6  
**Interceptions:** Rob Lee, 5 for 17 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive positions reflect Northern Illinois' multiple formations.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Maryland	L
S. 11	Southern Illinois	*
S. 18	at Iowa State	*
S. 24	Bowling Green	*
O. 2	Akron	W
O. 9	at UCF	W
O. 16	Central Michigan	W
O. 23	at Western Michigan	W
O. 30	at Ball State	W
N. 10	Toledo	L
N. 20	at Eastern Michigan	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Maryland	(ot) W	20-13
S. 6	Tennessee Tech	W	42-17
S. 20	at Alabama	W	19-16
S. 27	Iowa State	W	24-16
O. 4	Ohio	W	30-23
O. 11	at Central Michigan	W	40-24
O. 18	Western Michigan	W	37-10
O. 25	at Bowling Green	L	18-34
N. 1	Ball State	W	48-23
N. 8	at Buffalo	W	40-9
N. 15	at Toledo	L	30-49
N. 22	Eastern Michigan	W	38-24

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.2 ppg	26
Rushing	160.0 ypg	52
Passing	218.9 ypg	58
Total	378.9 ypg	60
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.5 ppg	31
Rushing	141.1 ypg	47
Passing	230.5 ypg	75
Total	371.6 ypg	56
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+14	+1.17	6

Head Coach: Joe Novak

2003 Record (MAC): 10-2 (6-2)



## Offense

With a veteran line, good tight ends and a top-shelf backfield, the Orange have a formidable running game that can control the clock and make life miserable for defenses.

It all revolves around senior tailback Walter Reyes, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate whose profile would be higher if he played on a Top 20 team. Reyes is within a great season of becoming the school's all-time leading rusher, which given Syracuse's history is no small accomplishment. Damien Rhodes returns from a season filled with injuries and is a terrific tailback in his own right. He'll share time with Reyes, though coaches are working to get both on the field at the same time. Rhodes is the better receiver of the two and will be used in the slot.

The Orange won't name a starting quarterback until August. Whoever it is has yet to throw his first pass in college. Perry Patterson, Xzavier Gaines and Joe Fields are still battling for the starting job. Coach Paul Pasqualoni says he's anxious. Who wouldn't be?

The other issue is at wide receiver, where the Orange are thin on numbers and talent. Jared Jones is solid, but the position is so weak that Pasqualoni moved two-year starting cornerback Steve Gregory to receiver in the spring.

### NUMBERS GAME

**152.6** *Walter Reyes needs to average 152.6 yards per game to break the Syracuse career rushing record held by Joe Morris (4,299 yards). Reyes has 2,621 career rushing yards going into the season, which already ranks seventh all-time.*

## Defense

This unit made vast improvement a year ago and looks to take another step this fall. Even though change continues to percolate, there is more comfort here than on the offense.

The unit will have a new defensive coordina-

tor in Steve Dunlap. It'll also have a new interior and a couple of new cornerbacks.

Tony Jenkins was a surprise of spring practice and will be a starter along with Kader Drame at tackle. James Wyche is one of the best-looking defensive ends in the country and has shown flashes of dominance. The Orange need more from him, along with Julian Pollard and Ryan LaCasse, to improve their pass rush.

Jerry Mackey, the great nephew of Syracuse legend John Mackey, steps into the middle linebacker spot. Besides good football genes, Mackey is a good player. He'll join returning starting outside linebackers Kellen Pruitt and Kelvin Smith. Pruitt is a star in the making and is one of the defensive leaders. He may slide inside on occasions because of his versatility.

Safeties Diamond Ferri and Anthony Smith return. Both are athletic and big hitters. The key is settling on the cornerbacks. Marcus "Gator" Clayton was moved to cornerback from receiver in the spring and looks like one starter.

## Specialists

Placekicker Collin Barber and punter/kick-off man Brendan Carney return. Both earned second team All-Big East honors a year ago. Carney has a big-time leg but struggles at times with consistency. He had five punts blocked last season because of his long windup. Junior college transfer Joe Neumann arrives in August to take over long-snapping duties.

## Final Analysis

A testy non-conference schedule and uncertainty over the quarterbacks and receivers make the Orange a dicey proposition. With Reyes and Rhodes, a good defense and solid kicking game, anything is possible. There is enough ability at quarterback and wide receiver to cobble together a functional passing game. So which team emerges? The one that blew out Notre Dame to close the year or the one that imploded in humiliation at Rutgers?

## Big East Prediction: 5th



Walter Reyes

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	12 Jared Jones (Sr.)	7 Landel Bembo (So.)
WR	25 Steve Gregory (Jr.)	80 Andre Fontenette (Sr.)
LT	78 Adam Terry (Sr.)	79 Eugene Newsome (Fr.)
LG	72 Jason Greene (Jr.)	65 Chris Thorner (So.)
C	75 Matt Tarullo (Sr.)	60 Justin Outten (So.)
RG	71 Steve Franklin (Jr.)	59 Carroll Madison (Fr.)
RT	69 Quinn Ojinnaka (Jr.)	73 Kurt Falke (Jr.)
TE	85 Joe Kowalewski (Jr.)	88 Alex Shor (Jr.)
QB	10 Perry Patterson (So.)	16 Xzavier Gaines (Jr.)
FB	35 Greg Hanoian (Sr.)	48 Stephen McDonald (So.)
TB	39 Walter Reyes (Sr.)	1 Damien Rhodes (Jr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	90 James Wyche (Jr.)	94 Ryan LaCasse (Jr.)
NT	51 Tony Jenkins (Fr.)	91 Eugene Brown (Jr.)
DT	70 Kader Drame (Jr.)	93 Mike Sklarosky (Jr.)
DE	56 Julian Pollard (Sr.)	98 Lee Williams (Fr.)
SLB	8 Kelvin Smith (So.)	92 Tommy Harris (Jr.)
MLB	57 Jerry Mackey (So.)	52 Jameel McClain (Fr.)
WLB	41 Kellen Pruitt (Jr.)	30 Vincenzo Giruzzi (Fr.)
CB	28 Tanard Jackson (So.)	15 DeAndre LaCaille (Jr.)
CB	13 Marcus Clayton (So.)	4 Terrell Lemon (So.)
SS	22 Diamond Ferri (Sr.)	21 O'Neil Scott (Sr.)
FS	20 Anthony Smith (Jr.)	36 Reggie McCoy (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	19 Collin Barber (Sr.)	KR	25 Steve Gregory (Jr.)
P	47 Brendan Carney (So.)	PR	13 Marcus Clayton (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: None  
 Rushing: Walter Reyes, 253 car., 1347 yds., 20 TDs  
 Receiving: Walter Reyes, 38 rec., 375 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Diamond Ferri, 120, 75 solo  
 Sacks: Kellen Pruitt, 2.5  
 Interceptions: Anthony Smith, 5 for 37 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 5	at Purdue	L
S. 11	at Buffalo	W
S. 18	Cincinnati	W
S. 25	at Virginia	L
<b>O. 2</b>	<b>Rutgers</b>	*
O. 9	Florida State	L
O. 21	at West Virginia	L
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>Connecticut</b>	*
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	*
N. 13	at Temple	W
N. 27	at Boston College	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	at N. Carolina (3ot)	W	49-47
S. 13	Louisville	L	20-30
S. 20	UCF	W	38-14
S. 27	Toledo	W	34-7
O. 11	at Virginia Tech	L	7-51
O. 18	Boston College	W	39-14
O. 25	at Pittsburgh	L	14-34
N. 8	Temple	W	41-17
N. 15	at Miami	L	10-17
N. 22	West Virginia	L	23-34
N. 29	at Rutgers	L	7-24
D. 6	Notre Dame	W	38-12

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.7 ppg	62
Rushing	189.4 ypg	26
Passing	180.3 ypg	91
Total	369.8 ypg	70
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.1 ppg	59
Rushing	138.2 ypg	42
Passing	222.2 ypg	62
Total	360.3 ypg	47
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.58	20

Head Coach: Paul Pasqualoni

2003 Record (Big East): 6-6 (2-5)





## Offense

Northwestern's spread offense carried the Wildcats to their second bowl game in four years under coach Randy Walker last year.

But a trip to the Motor City Bowl as the Big Ten's record-setting eighth bowl team was far from where Northwestern hopes to be this fall — 2,000 miles from where it hopes to be.

"Any bowl is a good bowl, but for us the goal is always Pasadena," senior running back Noah Herron says. "You always set your expectations high."

Herron is a big part of that bowl quest. He will have to make up for the 1,871 yards and 126 points graduated back Jason Wright racked up last year.

Herron, who gained 996 all-purpose yards last year, should get help from reinvigorated quarterback Brett Basanez, a healthy receiving corps and an offensive line that returns its top eight players.

Basanez was the nation's top freshman passer two years ago but slumped last year in the face of constant pressure and few targets. Receivers Mark Philmore and Ashton Aikens suffered season-ending injuries last year but return to the starting lineup. Another returning receiver, Brandon Horn, averaged 28.5 yards per catch.

## NUMBERS GAME

**7** Northwestern has had a 1,000-yard rusher in seven out of the last nine seasons. Will Noah Herron be next?

With all five starters returning on the offensive line, the Wildcats have the deepest unit there since the late 1990s. Guard Matt Ulrich and tackle Trai Essex are third-year starters. Tackle Zach Strief and center Trevor Rees are preseason All-Big Ten candidates.

## Defense

Northwestern will rely on a large group of returning starters to reduce the 417.3 yards

opponents averaged last season. End Colby Clark leads all Northwestern players with 35 career starts in 36 games the last three years. Luis Castillo and Loren Howard, both two-year starters, are the Wildcats' top playmakers.

Leading tackler Tim McGarigle returns at outside linebacker; Walker calls him the best to play that position under him at Northwestern. John Pickens joins McGarigle as an All-Big Ten candidate. The big question is which of three sophomores will play in the middle.

More experience returns in a secondary that gave up more than 250 yards passing per game. Cornerback Marvin Ward and safety Dominique Price are hard-hitting tacklers. Jeff Backes and Marquice Cole are speedy cornerbacks. Safety Bryan Heinz, a former walk-on, led the unit with five interceptions last year.

"We have a chance to grow on defense," Walker says. "We made a modest improvement and we have to keep climbing."

## Specialists

Walker was not pleased with the kicking game, but the Wildcats will continue to rely on Brian Huffman, who added placekicking duties to his punting duties when Slade Larscheid injured his hip in midseason.

Derell Jenkins, who averaged 17.8 yards per return the final six games of the season, is the frontrunner to return kicks.

## Final Analysis

The questions are fewer this season but still important. Who will replace Wright's offensive production? Will Basanez return to his freshman-year form? Will the offensive and defensive lines live up to expectations? Will the secondary shut down opponents' passing attacks?

Second-tier bowl games are becoming regular occurrences at Northwestern. Now the Wildcats would like to graduate to the next postseason level. To do that, they still have some questions to answer.

## Big Ten Prediction: 9th



Loren Howard

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	5 Brandon Horn (Jr.)	3 Shaun Herbert (So.)
WR	2 Ashton Aikens (Sr.)	88 Eric Batis (Jr.)
WR	9 Mark Philmore (Jr.)	96 Frank Bass (Sr.)
LT	76 Trai Essex (Sr.)	78 Joe Wohlscheid (Jr.)
LG	60 Ikechuku Ndukwe (Sr.)	71 Joe Tripodi (So.)
C	50 Trevor Rees (So.)	75 Vince Clarke (Jr.)
RG	64 Matt Ulrich (Sr.)	62 Austin Matthews (Fr.)
RT	63 Zach Strief (Jr.)	74 Dylan Thiry (So.)
TE	47 Taylor Jones (Jr.)	83 Sean Mansfield (Jr.)
QB	14 Brett Basanez (Jr.)	11 Chris Malleo (Fr.)
TB	33 Noah Herron (Sr.)	26 Terrell Jordan (Jr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	66 Loren Howard (Jr.)	72 David Ngene (Fr.)
DT	67 Barry Cofield (Jr.)	56 Ryan Keenan (So.)
DT	94 Luis Castillo (Sr.)	53 Trevor Schultz (So.)
DE	97 Colby Clark (Sr.)	92 David Thompson (Jr.)
OLB	41 Tim McGarigle (Jr.)	46 Eric VanderHorst (Jr.)
MLB	44 Erryn Cobb (So.)	43 Adam Kadela (So.)
OLB	51 John Pickens (Sr.)	38 Nick Roach (So.)
CB	31 Marvin Ward (Sr.)	6 Cory Dious (So.)
CB	28 Jeff Backes (Jr.)	20 Marquice Cole (Jr.)
SS	8 Dominique Price (Sr.)	12 Derell Jenkins (Jr.)
FS	21 Bryan Heinz (So.)	24 Herschel Henderson (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	99 Brian Huffman (Sr.)	KR	12 Derell Jenkins (Jr.)
P	99 Brian Huffman (Sr.)	PR	9 Mark Philmore (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Brett Basanez, 302-162-1,916-12, 4 TDs

Rushing: Noah Herron, 119 car., 739 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Mark Philmore, 23 rec., 228 yds., 0 TDs

Tackles: Tim McGarigle, 140, 82 solo

Sacks: Loren Howard, 8

Interceptions: Bryan Heinz, 5 for 12 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	at TCU	L
S. 11	Arizona State	*
S. 18	Kansas	*
S. 25	at Minnesota	L
O. 2	Ohio State	L
O. 9	Indiana	W
O. 23	at Wisconsin	L
O. 30	Purdue	L
N. 6	at Penn State	L
N. 13	at Michigan	L
N. 20	Illinois	W
N. 27	at Hawaii	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Kansas	W	28-20
S. 6	Air Force	L	21-22
S. 13	Miami (OH)	L	14-44
S. 20	at Duke	W	28-10
S. 27	at Ohio State	L	0-20
O. 4	Minnesota	L	17-42
O. 11	at Indiana	(ot) W	37-31
O. 25	Wisconsin	W	16-7
N. 1	at Purdue	L	14-34
N. 8	Penn State	W	17-7
N. 15	Michigan	L	10-41
N. 22	at Illinois	W	37-20
D. 26	#Bowling Green	L	24-28
	#Motor City Bowl		

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.2 ppg	94
Rushing	212.2 ypg	14
Passing	163.2 ypg	103
Total	375.4 ypg	63
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.1 ppg	57
Rushing	164.1 ypg	70
Passing	253.2 ypg	92
Total	417.3 ypg	88
TD Margin	Per Game	Rank
-2	-0.15	72

Head Coach: Randy Walker

2003 Record (Big Ten): 6-7 (4-4)





## Offense

The line keys everything for coach Jim Grobe, who loves to run the ball. But this year's version is very young. Veterans Craig Jones and Blake Lingruen return, and sophomore tackle Steve Vallos showed that he could be the group's best. "We've got the potential to be good up front, but we're very, very inconsistent," Grobe says. "We've got to have a great summer in the weight room." If the line gets the job done, Wake's skill players are as good as most.

Junior quarterback Cory Randolph can run and throw but needs to find consistency. He'll be pushed by redshirt freshman Ben Mauk, who set passing yardage marks in high school. "It's just a really healthy situation for us at quarterback right now," Grobe says.

At running back, if Chris Barclay can avoid injury, he might burst onto the national scene. Last season, Barclay was slowed by an ankle sprain early, gaining 944 of his 1,192 yards in the last seven games. Wide receiver Jason Anderson is an all-conference candidate after posting 44 catches for a 17.1-yard average. In the slot, which is also used as a runner in Wake's offense, the Deacons have Chris Davis and Willie Idlette, former prep sprint champions, and Kevin Marion, a redshirt freshman who may be the fastest skill player on the team. That group has to show it can hang onto the ball.

## NUMBERS GAME

**54** Wake Forest has not won five or more games in four straight seasons in 54 years. Jim Grobe will be trying to do it in his first four years in the program.

## Defense

The Deacons finally will dump the 3-3-5 alignment as better talent and depth will allow a 4-3 — and maybe it will improve one of the ACC's worst units. "Our flexibility is going to improve defensively," Grobe says.

Goryal Scales anchors the middle, and young, athletic ends like Bryan Andrews and Jyles Tucker now may get a chance to show their speed. "We're not physical enough yet," Grobe says.

Wake returns only one experienced linebacker, Brad White, who will move to the outside to make room for Pierre Easley in the middle. Two defensive backs, Caron Bracy (last year's leading tackler) and James Adams, bulked up to fill holes. "Linebacker was something we were concerned about coming into spring ball, and now I'm not concerned about it, at least one deep," Grobe says.

Wake's MIA pass rush has put heat on the defensive backs. But the group is talented and deep. Eric King is an All-ACC corner, and look for Riley Swanson to supplant Marcus McGruder at the other. The staff loves its new big safeties, Josh Gattis and Patrick Ghee.

## Specialists

Ryan Plackemeier is an All-ACC punter, but kicker Matt Wisnosky has been an adventure, even on extra points. Last year, Grobe let Plackemeier kick some, but Wisnosky is back as the starter. The returners, like blazers Idlette and Davis, also could use some consistency. Look for Marion to play a big role.

## Final Analysis

The Deacons have as much talent as ever, but it's young and likely to be inconsistent. The offensive line is the big worry. Wake must run the ball to win, partly because controlling the ball would also help the defense. The change to a 4-3 must create more pass rush, and the talented secondary needs to be more aggressive.

Like most underdog teams, Wake has to do all the little things right, like win the turnover battle and avoid penalties. Wake's first four games are the key. To entertain any bowl hopes, the Deacons must win three of those, which won't be easy with such a young team.

## ACC Prediction: 9th



Jason Anderson

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	80 Jason Anderson (Sr.)	83 Nate Morton (So.)
WR	5 Chris Davis (Jr.)	82 Willie Idlette (So.)
LT	72 Wesley Bryant (Jr.)	79 Matt Brim (Fr.)
LG	70 Joe Salsich (Sr.)	71 Louis Frazier (Fr.)
C	76 Blake Lingruen (Sr.)	67 Kreg Rotthoff (Jr.)
RG	60 Craig Jones (Jr.)	61 Arby Jones (So.)
RT	75 Steve Vallos (So.)	62 Brodie Overstreet (Fr.)
TE	97 Dan Callahan (So.)	84 Zac Selmon (Fr.)
QB	17 Cory Randolph (Jr.)	12 Ben Mauk (Fr.)
FB	49 Damon McWhite (So.)	38 D'Angelo Bryant (So.)
TB	28 Chris Barclay (Jr.)	2 Cornelius Birgs (Jr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	85 Jerome Nichols (Sr.)	48 Bryan Andrews (So.)
DT	57 Goryal Scales (Jr.)	90 Jamil Smith (So.)
DT	52 Cori Stukes (Jr.)	92 Jeremy Jones (Fr.)
DE	55 Jyles Tucker (So.)	91 John Finklea (Jr.)
SLB	8 Caron Bracy (Sr.)	46 James Adams (So.)
MLB	51 Pierre Easley (So.)	56 Jonathan Abbate (Fr.)
WLB	45 Brad White (Sr.)	44 Jason Pratt (Jr.)
CB	9 Eric King (Sr.)	32 Aaron Mason (Fr.)
CB	3 Marcus McGruder (Sr.)	7 Riley Swanson (So.)
SS	30 Patrick Ghee (So.)	6 Dominic Anderson (Jr.)
FS	22 Josh Gattis (So.)	27 Warren Braxton (Sr.)

### Special Teams

K	93 Matt Wisnosky (Jr.)	KR	82 Willie Idlette (So.)
P	81 Ryan Plackemeier (Jr.)	PR	82 Willie Idlette (So.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Cory Randolph, 246-144-1,773-10, 8 TDs  
**Rushing:** Chris Barclay, 235 car., 1,192 yds., 12 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jason Anderson, 44 rec., 751 yds., 6 TDs  
**Tackles:** Caron Bracy, 90, 68 solo  
**Sacks:** Jerome Nichols, 2  
**Interceptions:** Eric King, 3 for 127 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Clemson	L
S. 11	at East Carolina	W
S. 18	North Carolina A&T	W
S. 25	Boston College	L
O. 2	at NC State	L
O. 9	Virginia Tech	L
O. 23	Florida State	L
O. 30	Duke	W
N. 13	North Carolina	*
N. 20	at Miami	L
N. 27	at Maryland	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Boston College	W	32-28
S. 6	NC State	W	38-24
S. 13	Purdue	L	10-16
S. 20	East Carolina	W	34-16
S. 27	at Virginia	L	24-27
O. 11	Georgia Tech	L	7-24
O. 18	at Duke	W	42-13
O. 25	at Florida State	L	24-48
N. 1	Clemson	W	45-17
N. 8	at North Carolina	L	34-42
N. 15	Connecticut	L	17-51
N. 29	Maryland	L	28-41

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.9 ppg	50
Rushing	203.3 ypg	19
Passing	151.5 ypg	108
Total	354.8 ypg	76
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	77
Rushing	174.3 ypg	79
Passing	280.2 ypg	113
Total	454.5 ypg	107
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.58	20

Head Coach: Jim Grobe

2003 Record (ACC): 5-7 (3-5)





## Offense

South Florida's second season in Conference USA is also its farewell tour — the Bulls will join the Big East in 2005. Before concentrating on the future, though, coach Jim Leavitt hopes for more present stability at quarterback. Leavitt handed the reins of the Bulls' no-huddle, shotgun attack, four- and five-receiver offense to sophomore Pat Julmiste. He beat out senior Ronnie Banks, who started eight games last year. Julmiste started twice last year as a redshirt freshman but never grasped the offense after running the Wing-T in high school. USF is betting Julmiste, who has the arm strength of Banks and more mobility, will flourish in his second season.

Look for the Bulls to put a bigger emphasis on their running game. Leavitt signed five running backs, including junior college All-American Andre Hall. Projected starter Billy Henderson tore an ACL in March and will miss the season, while bruiser Clenton Crossley, who rushed for 441 yards last season, will move to fullback when USF goes to a two-back alignment.

Leavitt aims to get the ball into the hands of elusive senior receiver Brian Fisher, last year's offensive MVP who had 28 receptions.

The offensive line should be South Florida's unquestioned area of strength with five returning starters, including senior left tackle Derrick Sarosi and senior center Alex Herron. USF's linemen have a combined 111 starts.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3** South Florida had three players (Ronnie Banks, Pat Julmiste, Brian Fisher) start a game at quarterback last season.

## Defense

The Bulls were bolstered by the return of defensive tackle Lee Roy Selmon Jr., who has rebounded from two knee injuries and was awarded a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. There's a stable of athletic, hard-hitting line-

backers, including Stephen Nicholas, a freshman All-American. Junior Devon Davis returns at middle linebacker, while sophomore Patrick St. Louis plays on the weak side.

In the secondary, the Bulls must replace three starters, including all-league safeties J.R. Reed and Kevin Verpaele. Javan Camon, a special teams terror, takes over at free safety, while experienced Kenny Robinson is at strong safety. Mike Jenkins, one of the school's touted recruits in 2003, and junior D'Juan Brown are the cornerbacks. Undersized Sidney Simpson, the nickel back, will see plenty of action.

## Specialists

Senior placekicker Santiago Gramatica, the youngest in a family of kicking specialists, could be among the nation's best this fall. Gramatica beat Louisville on a 26-yard field goal in the second overtime and preserved a double-overtime victory against East Carolina by converting a 40-yarder in the first extra session. Junior punter Brandon Baker has an excellent leg and became adept at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line.

C.J. Lewis, one of the team's fastest players, is expected to succeed Reed as the primary kickoff returner. Fisher will once again handle punts, where he utilizes side-to-side quickness.

## Final Analysis

South Florida has been on the precipice of its first postseason bid, including being denied after a 9-2 record in 2002 because it wasn't yet a member of Conference USA. With a solid offensive line and key playmakers on defense, the ingredients are there to take the next step.

South Florida's spread offense has produced plenty of points and gotten the program on the map, but sometimes works to the Bulls' detriment. The Bulls need to better manage tight games with an improved running attack. Until a quarterback emerges, South Florida must rely more on its defense and kicking game.

## C-USA Prediction: 6th



Brian Fisher

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	9 Joe Bain (Jr.)	6 Allyson Sheffield (Sr.)
WR	5 Brian Fisher (Sr.)	1 C.J. Lewis (Jr.)
WR	81 S.J. Green (So.)	15 Willie Williams (So.)
LT	66 Derrick Sarosi (Sr.)	77 Mike Lube (So.)
LG	68 Frank Davis (Jr.)	69 Chris McBee (Jr.)
C	71 Alex Herron (Sr.)	61 John Miller (Jr.)
RG	74 Chris Carothers (Jr.)	75 Walter Walker (Fr.)
RT	79 Levi Newton (Sr.)	72 Jerome Springfield (Fr.)
TE	48 Mike Ruegger (Jr.)	44 Mark Feldman (Sr.)
QB	3 Pat Julmiste (So.)	14 Ronnie Banks (Sr.)
RB	Andre Hall (Jr.)	28 Clenton Crossley (Sr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	45 Jon Simmons (Jr.)	40 Craig Kobel (Sr.)
NT	55 Cedric Battles (Sr.)	44 Allen Gray (Fr.)
DT	93 Lee Roy Selmon Jr. (Sr.)	97 Antonio Searcy (Jr.)
DE	46 Tavarious Robinson (So.)	56 Terrence Royal (Jr.)
SLB	51 Stephen Nicholas (So.)	59 Ben Moffitt (Fr.)
MLB	52 Devon Davis (Jr.)	58 Ronnie McCullough (Fr.)
WLB	54 Patrick St. Louis (So.)	57 Josh Balloun (Fr.)
CB	42 D'Juan Brown (Jr.)	5 A.J. Brant (Fr.)
CB	18 Mike Jenkins (Fr.)	29 Sam Miller (Fr.)
SS	21 Kenny Robinson (Sr.)	1 Sidney Simpson (Jr.)
FS	12 Javan Camon (Sr.)	4 Antonio Warren (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	7 Santiago Gramatica (Sr.)	KR	1 C.J. Lewis (Jr.)
P	47 Brandon Baker (Jr.)	PR	5 Brian Fisher (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Ronnie Banks, 261-127-1,448-8, 8 TDs  
**Rushing:** Clenton Crossley, 85 car., 441 yds., 4 TDs  
**Receiving:** Brian Fisher, 28 rec., 246 yds., 1 TDs  
**Tackles:** Tim Jones, 48, 25 solo  
**Sacks:** Craig Kobel, 6  
**Interceptions:** Devon Davis, 1 for 70 yds.  
 Johnnie Jones, 1 for 21 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Pittsburgh	*
S. 11	Tennessee Tech	W
S. 18	at South Carolina	L
S. 25	at TCU	L
O. 2	Southern Miss	L
O. 16	Army	W
O. 22	at Louisville	L
N. 6	at UAB	L
N. 13	East Carolina	W
N. 20	at Cincinnati	W
N. 27	Memphis	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Alabama	L	17-40
S. 6	Nicholls State	W	27-17
S. 27	at Army	W	28-0
O. 4	Louisville (2ot)	W	31-28
O. 10	TCU	L	10-13
O. 18	Charleston So.	W	55-7
O. 25	at So. Miss	L	6-27
O. 31	Cincinnati (2ot)	W	24-17
N. 8	at E. Carolina (2ot)	W	38-37
N. 22	UAB	L	19-22
N. 29	at Memphis	W	21-16

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.1 ppg	72
Rushing	130.3 ypg	81
Passing	177.9 ypg	93
Total	308.2 ypg	107
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.4 ppg	25
Rushing	135.7 ypg	38
Passing	179.9 ypg	13
Total	315.6 ypg	17
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.09	71

Head Coach: Jim Leavitt

2003 Record (C-USA): 7-4 (5-3)





## Offense

Kansas set 12 offensive school records in 2003, but the player who helped the Jayhawks do it has graduated. Replacing quarterback Bill Whittemore — the main reason Kansas was able to resurrect its program — won't be easy. But head coach Mark Mangino believes he has something special in Adam Barmann.

"You can't just replace someone like Bill with a few snaps of the fingers," Mangino says. "He did an awful lot for our team. But we like the quarterbacks we have in our program. I'm very comfortable with that position."

Considering he started three games last year, Barmann shouldn't have any jitters when he takes the field for Kansas' opener. Also comforting is the fact that the Jayhawks return three starters on an offensive line that yielded just 19 sacks last season. Tailbacks John Randle and Clark Green combined for 1,471 rushing yards in 2003. Look for both to see extensive action this fall.

The biggest strength of the offense, however, is the receiving corps. Even with Charles Gordon (57 catches) moving to cornerback, this is a unit that boasts talent and depth. Look for Mark Simmons to be Kansas' main deep threat for the second straight year.

## NUMBERS GAME

**4** Kansas won four straight games last September for the first time since 1995, when Glen Mason's club opened the season with seven straight victories.

## Defense

If Kansas' defense has any strength, it rests with the linebacking corps of Gabe Toomey, Nick Reid and Banks Floodman. The three-some averaged 115.7 tackles in 2003 and looked even better in the spring.

Kansas' defensive line and secondary, however, are another story. Opposing ball carriers averaged nearly five yards per carry against a horrendous

dous defensive line last season. Mangino is hoping the addition of tackles James McClinton and Todd Haselhorst, as well as the return of Travis Watkins (broken foot), helps shore up that problem. Kansas, which tallied just 23 sacks, also needs to put more pressure on the quarterback. Junior college transfers Jermail Ashley and Charlton Keith should provide assistance, along with an emerging John McCoy.

Expect Gordon, the receiver-turned-cornerback, to be the top player in a secondary that includes two junior college transfers in safety Rodney Harris and cornerback Theo Baines.

## Specialists

Kansas couldn't ask for two better kick returners than Randle and Greg Heaggans. And Gordon ranked among the national leaders in punt returns last season. It's the punting and kicking, however, that give Kansas' special teams an iffy feel heading into the season.

Gone is punter Curtis Ansel, a Ray Guy Award finalist who pinned 19 punts inside the 20-yard line last season. Kicker Johnny Beck made just 9-of-16 field goal attempts and was a measly 1-of-6 from 40 yards and beyond.

## Final Analysis

Kansas' berth in the 2003 Tangerine Bowl marked the Jayhawks' first postseason appearance since 1995. Still, Mangino is keeping his team's 6-6 regular-season finish in perspective.

"I have no illusions about 6-6 meaning anything more than that we've made progress," Mangino says.

Along with losing Whittemore, Kansas is faced with a significantly tougher schedule than the one it played in 2003. Eight of the Jayhawks' 11 opponents played in bowl games last year.

All of it means that there's little room for error. That could be too much to handle for a new quarterback and a defense littered with fresh faces.

## Big 12 North Prediction: 5th



Clark Green

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	84 Brandon Rideau (Sr.)	6 Moderick Johnson (So.)
WR	83 Mark Simmons (Jr.)	87 Scott Bajza (Sr.)
WR*	89 Gary Heaggans (Sr.)	25 Greg Heaggans (Jr.)
LT	71 Cesar Rodriguez (Fr.)	69 Travis Dambach (So.)
LG	77 Bob Whitaker (So.)	64 Nick McCaslin (Sr.)
C	56 Joe Vaughn (Sr.)	74 David Ochoa (So.)
RG	75 Tony Coker (Sr.)	66 Reid Kirby (Fr.)
RT	68 Matt Thompson (Jr.)	60 Marcus Ford (Fr.)
TE	85 Derek Fine (So.)	86 Lyonel Anderson (Sr.)
QB	7 Adam Barmann (So.)	8 Jason Swanson (Jr.)
RB	30 Clark Green (Jr.)	10 John Randle (So.)
FB	33 Austine Nwabuisi (Sr.)	35 Brandon McAnderson (Fr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	36 John McCoy (Sr.)	97 Jermail Ashley (Jr.)
DT	67 Travis Watkins (Sr.)	Todd Haselhorst (Fr.)
DT	James McClinton (Fr.)	90 Tim Allen (Jr.)
DE	92 David McMillan (Sr.)	Charlton Keith (Jr.)
OLB	5 Banks Floodman (Jr.)	59 Brandon Perkins (Jr.)
MLB	1 Gabe Toomey (Jr.)	45 Kevin Kane (Jr.)
OLB	7 Nick Reid (Jr.)	31 Darren Rus (Jr.)
CB	20 Theo Baines (Jr.)	22 Shelton Simmons (Sr.)
CB	3 Charles Gordon (So.)	17 Ronnie Amadi (Jr.)
SS	9 Tony Stubbs (Sr.)	24 Jerome Kemp (So.)
FS	32 Rodney Harris (So.)	11 Jonathan Lamb (So.)

### Special Teams

K	46 Johnny Beck (Sr.)	KR	25 Greg Heaggans (Jr.)
P	Kyle Tucker (Fr.)	PR	3 Charles Gordon (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Adam Barmann, 85-57-564-5, 4 TDs

Rushing: Clark Green, 204 car., 968 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Charles Gordon, 57 rec., 769 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Nick Reid, 133, 93 solo

Sacks: Brandon Perkins, 7

Interceptions: 3 players with 2 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
\*The 12 offensive players reflect Kansas' multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Tulsa	*
S. 11	Toledo	L
S. 18	at Northwestern	*
S. 25	Texas Tech	L
O. 2	at Nebraska	L
O. 9	Kansas State	L
O. 23	at Oklahoma	L
O. 30	at Iowa State	W
N. 6	Colorado	L
N. 13	Texas	L
N. 20	at Missouri	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Northwestern	L	20-28
S. 6	UNLV	W	46-24
S. 13	at Wyoming	W	42-35
S. 20	Jacksonville St.	W	41-6
S. 27	Missouri	W	35-14
O. 11	at Colorado	(ot) L	47-50
O. 18	Baylor	W	28-21
O. 25	at Kansas State	L	6-42
N. 1	at Texas A&M	L	33-45
N. 8	Nebraska	L	3-24
N. 15	at Oklahoma St.	L	21-44
N. 22	Iowa State	W	36-7
D. 22	NC State	L	26-56
#Tangerine Bowl			

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.5 ppg	36
Rushing	165.5 ypg	45
Passing	255.9 ypg	31
Total	421.5 ypg	29
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.5 ppg	84
Rushing	194.7 ypg	96
Passing	217.9 ypg	56
Total	412.6 ypg	85
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.54	99

Head Coach: Mark Mangino

2003 Record (Big 12): 6-7 (3-5)



## ARKANSAS

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## Offense

If you have only one returning starter on offense, then Matt Jones is the one you want. A long strider, the 6'6" Jones might be responsible for driving up tranquilizer prescriptions for defensive coordinators with his unusual ability to sense and escape the rush and spring big plays. "If you're playing sandlot football, you'd want him on your team," former Texas defensive coordinator Carl Reese says.

But Jones will need help, and Arkansas usually puts together a physical running game. DeCori Birmingham is a speed back and De'Arrius Howard is a pounder, both with 100-yard games on their résumés. Five new starters are being groomed on the offensive line, though.

Balance might be more important than ever, and Jones will have a good mix of receivers to throw to. Carlos Ousley is a reliable go-to guy. But sophomores Cedric Washington and Chris Baker have the makings to be the program's most exciting receivers in five years. Time will tell.

## NUMBERS GAME

**6** Arkansas's trip to the Independence Bowl last season made it six straight bowl appearances for the Razorbacks. Arkansas had twice before reached a bowl six years in a row — 1977-82 under Lou Holtz and 1984-89 under Ken Hatfield.

## Defense

Wiped out is the only way to describe the losses the secondary incurred. It's especially bad for a defense that relies heavily on putting speed on the field with extra defensive backs.

Vickiel Vaughn and Lerinezo Robinson should shore up the safety spots. But smart teams will test the cornerbacks frequently because they're so green.

It all means less man-to-man coverage and more zone combinations to keep offenses from throwing over the top. Coordinator Dave

Wommack might also have to scale back on his blitz variety early in the season as his defensive backs get their feet wet.

The good news is 10 of the top 13 defensive linemen return, led by Arrion Dixon and Jeb Huckeba. The front seven, including linebackers Clarke Moore and Sam Olajubutu, have to create a better pass rush to take pressure off the secondary.

## Specialists

Chris Balseiro and David Carlton are game-tested kickers. Punter Jacob Skinner has a live leg that needs to be more consistent.

Two players need to emerge to replace the gunners who had been playmaking lightning bolts for two years. Washington is a candidate and he also is the best kick-return threat.

Nutt is going to either look brilliant or unstable if he follows through on a plan to use Jones as a punt returner. Jones has forged his own style of elusiveness and could break some returns, but he also would be exposed to head-hunting coverage units that would like nothing better than to knock Arkansas' only experienced quarterback out of the game.

## Final Analysis

Given the massive personnel losses, asking Arkansas to do more than win four or five games would be unrealistic. The biggest challenge will be finding a way to stop opponents.

Coach Houston Nutt can count a mostly sympathetic fan base that understands what he's up against as a blessing, but he won't be spared from one of the toughest schedules in school history.

Best-case scenario: The Hogs somehow squeeze out six wins and extend their bowl streak to seven seasons. A more likely outcome would be winning two non-conference games, taking care of business against Mississippi State and hoping for an upset somewhere else in league play.

## SEC West Prediction: 5th



Matt Jones

Courtland Richards

## Depth Chart

## Offense (1)

SE	84 Steven Harris (Sr.)	28	Chris Baker (So.)
FL	6 Carlos Ousley (Jr.)	16	Cedric Washington (So.)
LT	66 Tony Ugoh (Jr.)	76	Matt Gilbow (Fr.)
LG	79 James Johnson (Jr.)	74	Stephen Parker (So.)
C	70 Kyle Roper (Jr.)	58	Skye Peterson (So.)
RG	78 Gene Perry (Sr.)	61	Robert Felton (Fr.)
RT	69 Zac Tubbs (Jr.)	75	Nate Garner (Fr.)
TE	86 Jared Hicks (Jr.)	89	Mason Templeton (Fr.)
QB	<b>9 Matt Jones (Sr.)</b>	10	Robert Johnson (Fr.)
FB	47 Brandon Kennedy (Jr.)		Peyton Hillis (Fr.)
TB	32 DeCori Birmingham (Sr.)	26	De'Arrius Howard (Jr.)

## Defense (3)

DE	98 Elliott Harris (Sr.)	95	Reggie Banks (Jr.)
DT	<b>92 Arrion Dixon (Sr.)</b>	91	Titus Peebles (Sr.)
NG	97 Jeremy Harrell (So.)	99	Keith Jackson (So.)
DE	<b>15 Jeb Huckeba (Sr.)</b>	11	Wes Murphy (Jr.)
WLB	17 Marcus Whitmore (Sr.)	37	Michael Robinson (Jr.)
MLB	46 Clarke Moore (Jr.)	<b>24 Sam Olajubutu (Jr.)</b>	
SLB	23 Desmond Sims (So.)	27	Pierre Brown (Jr.)
CB	19 Michael Coe (So.)	20	John Johnson (So.)
CB	2 Chris Houston (Fr.)		Darius Vinnett (Jr.)
SS	21 Lerinezo Robinson (Jr.)		Randy Kelly (Jr.)
FS	31 Vickiel Vaughn (Jr.)	3	Kevin Woods (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	55 Chris Balseiro (Jr.)	KR	16 Cedric Washington (So.)
P	48 Jacob Skinner (So.)	PR	32 DeCori Birmingham (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt Jones, 230-132-1,917-7, 18 TDs  
**Rushing:** Matt Jones, 96 car., 707 yds., 8 TDs  
**Receiving:** Steven Harris, 19 rec., 315 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Sam Olajubutu, 85, 45 solo  
**Sacks:** Elliot Harris, 2  
**Interceptions:** Bo Mosley, 2 for 7 yds.  
 Lerinezo Robinson, 2 for 24 yds.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	New Mexico State	W
S. 11	Texas	L
S. 18	#UL Monroe	W
S. 25	Alabama	L
O. 2	at Florida	L
O. 16	at Auburn	L
O. 23	Georgia	L
N. 6	at South Carolina	L
N. 13	Ole Miss	L
<b>N. 20</b>	<b>at Mississippi State</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 27	#LSU	L
	#Little Rock	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	Tulsa	W	45-13
S. 13	at Texas	W	38-28
S. 20	North Texas	W	31-7
S. 27	at Alabama	W	34-31
O. 11	Auburn	L	3-10
O. 18	Florida	L	28-33
O. 25	at Ole Miss	L	7-19
N. 1	at Kentucky	W	71-63
N. 6	South Carolina	W	28-6
N. 15	New Mexico State	W	48-20
N. 22	Miss. State	W	52-6
N. 28	at LSU	L	24-55
D. 31	#Missouri	W	27-14
	#Independence Bowl		

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.5 ppg	21
Rushing	241.9 ypg	5
Passing	189.4 ypg	88
Total	431.3 ypg	24
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.5 ppg	48
Rushing	157.0 ypg	62
Passing	187.0 ypg	21
Total	344.0 ypg	36
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.85	10

Head Coach: Houston Nutt

2003 Record (SEC): 9-4 (4-4)

(# ) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters





## Offense

All eyes are on sophomore Omar Jacobs as he attempts to build his own record of success as Bowling Green's starting quarterback. The shoes he's filling are enormous. Team MVP Josh Harris ranked third in the nation in total offense last season with a 331.6-yard average.

"Omar is smart," says BG coach Gregg Brandon. "You tell him something once, he grasps it. Omar can watch a tape, he can get coached and go out and execute it on the field, usually the first time."

Nothing takes the pressure off an inexperienced quarterback better than a running game. The Falcons are stocked at running back with first-team All-MAC performer P.J. Pope leading the way. Pope topped 1,000 rushing yards last fall and caught 48 passes in BG's spread attack. B.J. Lane averaged a school-record 6.4 yards per carry in 2004.

Falcon receivers return 4,043 receiving yards and 29 touchdown catches from 2003. Cole Magner set single-season BG marks last year in receptions (99), receiving yardage (1,138), and all-purpose yardage (1,592). Charles Sharon added 59 catches for 887 yards.

## NUMBERS GAME

**13** The Falcons have won 13 straight home games at Perry Stadium dating back to November 2001

With several veteran players injured, spring ball saw young offensive linemen getting plenty of reps and much needed experience. All-MAC senior standout Scott Mruczkowski will be at center and no doubt provide a calming influence for Jacobs when the Falcons line up at Oklahoma on Sept. 4.

## Defense

The big loss on defense is corner Janssen Patton (seven interceptions, first-team All-

MAC). However, Brandon is confident senior Keon Newson will step it up in 2004.

"I certainly think (Keon) can be the best defensive player in the conference," says Brandon. Newson forced a MAC-high six fumbles and recorded a team-high 124 tackles last year.

The Falcons were deep up front in 2003 and kept fresh legs on the field. End Mitchell Crossley recorded nine sacks and earned second-team All-MAC honors. Devon Parks came off the edge for five sacks. Brandon said run stopper Mike Thaler had a "great spring," racking up 64 tackles a year ago.

Bowling Green also has an experienced line-backing corps. Senior Jovon Burkes will push for All-MAC accolades this season, after recording 78 tackles and nine tackles for a loss in 2003.

## Specialists

Brandon doesn't pull any punches about senior kicker Shaun Suisham. "(Shaun) was better two years ago than he was last year," says Brandon. Suisham was 16-of-24 on field goals and 56-of-60 on extra points.

Punter Nate Fry did solid job a year ago at 40.2 yards per kick.

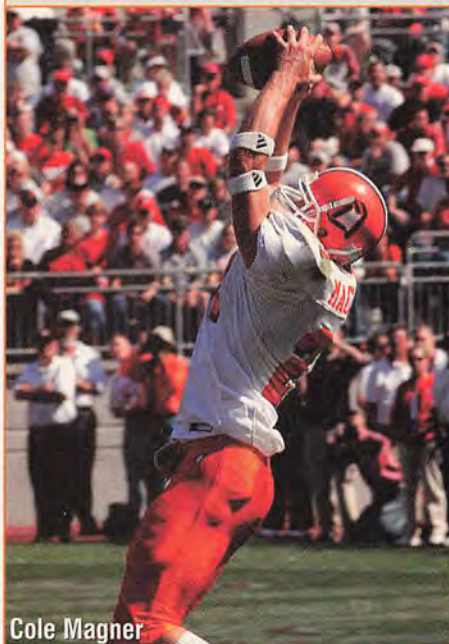
## Final Analysis

Brandon and his Falcons believe there is some unfinished business left over from the 2003 season, despite an 11-3 mark and a Top 25 ranking.

"Last year, we won a bowl game, won the (MAC) West (Division), and now we want to win the MAC," says Brandon, who enjoyed a rookie season the likes of which few college coaches have ever experienced.

MAC teams are usually forced to rebuild after the kind of season Bowling Green enjoyed. But if Jacobs emerges at quarterback, the Falcons may very well take "the next step" and bring home the MAC hardware.

## MAC West Prediction: 3rd



Cole Magner

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

WR	10 James Hawkins (Sr.)	8 Cornelius McGrady (Sr.)
WR	1 Charles Sharon (Jr.)	22 Derrick Lett (Jr.)
WR	21 Cole Magner (Sr.)	6 Brandon Jones (So.)
WR	12 Steve Sanders (Jr.)	84 Justin Martin (So.)
LT	62 Andrew Hart (Sr.)	64 Drew Nystrom (Fr.)
LG	58 Rob Warren (Jr.)	65 Patrick Watson (Fr.)
C	79 Scott Mruczkowski (Sr.)	78 Korey Lichtensteiger (Fr.)
RG	67 Andy Grubb (Sr.)	66 Edmond Massey (Fr.)
RT	55 Jonathan Culp (Jr.)	73 Kevin Huelsman (Fr.)
TE	89 Steve Navarro (Jr.)	42 Todd DiBacco (Sr.)
QB	4 Omar Jacobs (So.)	7 Van Johnson (So.)
TB	33 P.J. Pope (Jr.)	32 B.J. Lane (Jr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	90 Mitchell Crossley (Jr.)	98 Ryan Newble (Sr.)
NG	77 Mike Thaler (Jr.)	91 Monty Cooley (Jr.)
DT	94 Matt Leininger (Jr.)	92 Brad Williams (So.)
DE	57 Devon Parks (So.)	69 Brian Gardner (Sr.)
SLB	53 Daniel Sayles (Sr.)	48 Terrel White (So.)
MLB	3 Jovon Burkes (Sr.)	56 Jamien Johnson (Jr.)
WLB	49 Ted Piepkow (Jr.)	37 Jenkins Reese (Fr.)
CB	17 Keon Newson (Sr.)	20 Terrill Mayberry (Jr.)
CB	27 Jelani Jordan (Jr.)	28 Robert Browning (So.)
SS	25 Tim Arnold (Jr.)	31 Mike Crumpler (Jr.)
FS	9 T.J. Carswell (Sr.)	36 Loren Hargrove (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	38 Shaun Suisham (Sr.)	KR	32 B.J. Lane (Jr.)
P	46 Nate Fry (Jr.)	PR	1 Charles Sharon (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Omar Jacobs, 28-19-345-0, 4 TDs  
 Rushing: P.J. Pope, 191 car., 1,005 yds., 10 TDs  
 Receiving: Cole Magner, 99 rec., 1,138 yds., 10 TDs  
 Tackles: Keon Newson, 124, 78 solo  
 Sacks: Mitchell Crossley, 9  
 Interceptions: 3 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Oklahoma	L
S. 11	SE Missouri State	W
<b>S. 24</b>	<b>at Northern Illinois</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 2	at Temple	W
O. 9	at Central Michigan	W
O. 16	Ball State	W
O. 23	at Ohio	W
O. 30	Eastern Michigan	W
N. 6	Western Michigan	W
N. 13	Marshall	L
N. 23	at Toledo	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Eastern Kentucky	W	63-13
S. 6	at Purdue	W	27-26
S. 13	Liberty	W	62-3
S. 20	at Ohio State	L	17-24
O. 4	Central Michigan	W	23-3
O. 11	at Western Michigan	W	32-21
O. 18	at Eastern Michigan	W	33-20
O. 25	Northern Illinois	W	34-18
N. 4	at Miami (OH)	L	10-33
N. 15	Kent State	W	42-33
N. 22	at Ball State	W	41-14
N. 29	Toledo	W	31-23
D. 4	@Miami (OH)	L	27-49
D. 26	#Northwestern	W	28-24

@MAC Championship Game  
 #Motor City Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.6 ppg	20
Rushing	196.3 ypg	21
Passing	300.4 ypg	9
Total	496.7 ypg	3
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.7 ppg	33
Rushing	153.4 ypg	59
Passing	207.7 ypg	42
Total	361.1 ypg	48
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.43	92

Head Coach: Gregg Brandon

2003 Record (MAC): 11-3 (7-1)





## Offense

With a senior-laden offensive line and an impressive array of ballcarriers in the backfield, Rice hopes its final season in the Western Athletic Conference will be one to remember.

Unlike the last three years, when they tinkered with four wideouts and used the shotgun on occasion, the Owls have renewed their commitment to the triple option and expect to run the ball at will.

"I really think we can," says quarterback Greg Henderson, who takes over for three-year starter Kyle Herm. "We stuck to the basics the last four or five games last year and that enthusiasm carried over into the spring. Everybody's excited to get going."

The biggest challenge for Henderson will be staying healthy. He's the only quarterback on the roster who's taken any snaps in a game.

There's a bevy of quick and talented backs, led by halfback Thomas Lott. He averaged 7.3 yards per carry last year, which ranked second in the nation.

The Owls showed a hint of what they're capable of during the second half of the year by averaging nearly 400 yards rushing in six games, including 672 in the season finale against Louisiana Tech.

"We're pretty confident because not only did we end the season pretty good, but we also had a really good spring," Lott says.

## NUMBERS GAME

**45** Rice averaged 45 points per game in the final three games of the season in beating SMU, UTEP and Louisiana Tech. The Owls had scored more than 28 points only once in their previous nine games.

## Defense

Rice held its own in the pass-happy WAC last season and steadily improved on defense as the season progressed.

The Owls return seven starters and appear to be in good shape on the line, where end John Syptak and tackles William Wood and Jeremy Calahan are returning starters.

The secondary could wind up being one of the best Rice has had in recent years with rover Terry Holley, bandit Chad Price, cornerback Lance Byrd and free safety Andray Downs providing athleticism and speed.

The biggest question mark comes at linebacker, where two new starters will be thrown into the fire. Adam Herrin, a former high school quarterback, is the only linebacker with much experience.

## Specialists

Punter Jared Scruggs led the WAC and was fifth in the nation with an average of 45.9 yards per kick as a freshman last year. He was one of the few bright spots on special teams. Rice allowed too many big returns and didn't make enough big kicks. Placekicker Brennan Landry improved from his freshman to sophomore seasons, but he has yet to show much leg strength.

## Final Analysis

Rice enters the season with a wealth of momentum after winning four of its final five games, including the final three games, while putting up mind-boggling offensive numbers.

There's little doubt the Owls have enough talent returning to keep the momentum going, but they must find a way to win the close games. Two of their conference losses last year — both to bowl teams — were by three points, and they also lost at Duke by three in overtime.

The offense is loaded, but Henderson remains a somewhat unproven commodity despite starting six games over the last two years.

The Owls had to play a lot of youngsters on defense, which is a move that will pay off this fall. The secondary is fast and talented and will need to perform at a high level all season for Rice to contend.

## WAC Prediction: 5th



Greg Henderson

Bill Baptist

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	11 Marcus Battle (Jr.)	82 Ben Wiggins (Sr.)
LT	60 Scott Mayhew (Sr.)	65 David Carter (So.)
LG	76 Micah Meador (Sr.)	71 Cory Laxen (So.)
C	63 Ross Huebel (Sr.)	67 James Pitman (Sr.)
RG	55 Greg Wilson (Sr.)	70 Jack Collett (So.)
RT	51 Cotey-Joe Cswaykus (Sr.)	50 Rolf Krueger (So.)
TE	89 Joe Don Wood (Jr.)	87 Matt Bolding (So.)
QB	5 Greg Henderson (Sr.)	13 Joel Armstrong (Fr.)
FB	18 Ed Bailey (Sr.)	25 Andrew Cates (So.)
HB	21 Thomas Lott (Jr.)	4 Marcus Rucker (So.)
HB	7 Joe Moore (Sr.)	22 Mike Falco (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	47 John Syptak (Jr.)	74 Courtney Gordon (So.)
DT	97 William Wood (So.)	75 Jonathan Cary (Fr.)
NG	90 Jeremy Calahan (Sr.)	99 George Chukwu (Fr.)
DE	94 Rob Daniel (Jr.)	96 Eric Sweetser (Fr.)
SLB	27 Omeke Alikor (So.)	45 Lance Luedeker (So.)
WLB	48 Adam Herrin (Jr.)	56 Jeremy Harper (So.)
Rov	10 Terry Holley (Sr.)	19 Clifford Sparks (Sr.)
Ban	17 Chad Price (So.)	37 Michael Merrick (Jr.)
CB	8 Lance Byrd (So.)	3 Matt Ginn (So.)
CB	6 Dustin Haynes (Jr.)	29 Raymorris Barnes (Sr.)
FS	2 Andray Downs (So.)	24 Edgar Vega (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	12 Brennan Landry (Jr.)	KR	11 Marcus Battle (Jr.)
P	85 Jared Scruggs (So.)	PR	8 Lance Byrd (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Greg Henderson, 81-37-485-7, 2 TDs  
**Rushing:** Thomas Lott, 98 car., 714 yds., 3 TDs  
**Receiving:** Marcus Battle, 19 rec., 333 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Terry Holley, 92, 68 solo  
**Sacks:** John Syptak, 4  
**Interceptions:** Terry Holley, 2 for 55 yds.

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### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Houston	*
S. 18	Hawaii	L
S. 25	at Texas	L
O. 2	at San Jose State	W
O. 9	SMU	W
O. 16	at Nevada	W
O. 23	at Navy	L
O. 30	at Tulsa	L
N. 6	Fresno State	L
N. 13	at UTEP	W
N. 27	Louisiana Tech	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Houston	L	14-48
S. 13	at Duke	(ot) L	24-27
S. 20	Texas	L	7-48
S. 27	at Hawaii	L	21-41
O. 4	San Jose State	W	28-24
O. 18	Navy	L	6-38
O. 25	at Fresno State	L	28-31
N. 1	Nevada	W	52-42
N. 8	Tulsa	L	28-31
N. 15	at SMU	W	41-20
N. 22	UTEP	W	45-14
N. 29	at La. Tech	W	49-14

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.6 ppg	43
Rushing	316.7 ypg	2
Passing	80.3 ypg	117
Total	397.0 ypg	40
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.5 ppg	91
Rushing	207.6 ypg	102
Passing	224.8 ypg	66
Total	432.3 ypg	98
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.25	75

2003 Record (WAC): 5-7 (5-3)

Head Coach: Ken Hatfield



## Offense

Shane Boyd calls this a new era for Kentucky football. But this new era was supposed to start three years ago. It was during the 2001 season that former coach Guy Morriss called Boyd the Cats' quarterback of the future. Since that time, he has played only sporadically, as Jared Lorenzen reclaimed his job in 2002 and '03. When he has played, Boyd has looked like a running back trying to play quarterback.

Now the homegrown senior has his chance to show everyone that he should have been playing all along. The offense belongs to him now, and it's an offense that made the most of the talents of running quarterbacks when coordinator Ron Hudson was at Kansas State. "This is the start of something new," Boyd proclaims.

For this new era to take off, Boyd will have to prove that he can move the ball through the air. He completed just 34.9 percent of his passes in a backup role last season. If Boyd can improve his accuracy, he'll find a number of weapons at receiver, including Keenan Burton and Glenn Holt, but an inexperienced offensive line could hurt. Only Matt Huff and Jason Rollins return to the line with any starting experience.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3.27** Kentucky's top two tailbacks, Arliss Beach and Draak Davis, averaged 3.27 yards per carry last season. Both of them return.

## Defense

Defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns is a little too short and a little too light by most standards to be a dominant lineman, but his statistics say otherwise. Burns led the SEC in tackles for a loss with 18, and his 72 total tackles were the most by a UK defensive lineman since 1991. Ellery Moore, another senior, has played a significant number of snaps the past

two seasons, while sophomore Lamar Mills began to fulfill some of his promise last season at nose tackle.

"Our depth should allow us to rotate more guys in this season," coach Rich Brooks says.

The line will be backed up with a veteran crew of linebackers, starting inside with Chad Anderson and Dustin Williams. Anderson moved into the starting lineup early last season and progressed well enough to lead the team in tackles. His 11.4 stops per game were the best in the SEC. Williams likewise is solid against the run and carries a reputation for being one of the Cats' hardest hitters.

The Cats always seem to be short of talent at cornerback, but that might not be the case this season with Bo Smith and Earven Flowers.

## Specialists

Taylor Begley has handled the placekicking chores the last two seasons, connecting on 15-of-24 field goals and 71-of-77 extra points. UK's coaches have been pleased with his range, but they'd like to see him be more consistent. Anthony Thornton returns after handling the punting duties last season, but he'll compete with Sevin Sucurovic.

## Final Analysis

The Cats lack an answer for their inexperience on the offensive line. The veterans on the defensive front whipped the offensive linemen in many of the one-on-one drills, and the O-line struggled to give Boyd adequate protection in the passing game. The line must improve in fall camp for the Cats to move the ball consistently.

Depth up front and the sure tackling of Anderson and Williams could give Kentucky its best defense since the Bill Curry days. If the Cats expect to escape the cellar, the defense will have to be stout, the kicking game must improve dramatically and the offense must find ways for its weapons — Burton, Holt, Beach — to flourish without a standout line.

## SEC East Prediction: 6th



Shane Boyd

David Coyle

## Depth Chart

## Offense (5)

WR	19 Keenan Burton (So.)	4 Glenn Holt (Jr.)
WR	4 Glenn Holt (Jr.)	6 John Logan (Fr.)
LT	72 Michael Aitchison (So.)	61 Micah Jones (So.)
LG	70 Jason Rollins (Sr.)	60 Trai Williams (So.)
C	62 Matt McCutchan (Jr.)	58 Travis Staddon (So.)
RG	61 Matt Huff (Sr.)	60 Trai Williams (So.)
RT	57 Hayden Lane (So.)	74 Ernie Pelayo (Jr.)
TE	84 Jeremiah Drobney (Jr.)	88 Jamir Davis (Jr.)
QB	7 Shane Boyd (Sr.)	3 Andre Woodson (Fr.)
FB	41 Ronald Johnson (Jr.)	25 Alexis Bwenge (Jr.)
TB	5 Arliss Beach (Jr.)	26 Draak Davis (Jr.)

## Defense (9)

DE	98 Vincent Burns (Sr.)	54 B. Jay Parsons (Jr.)
NT	45 Lamar Mills (So.)	63 Ricky Abren (Fr.)
DE	99 Ellery Moore (Sr.)	91 Trey Mielsch (Jr.)
OLB	9 Durrell White (So.)	46 Joe Schuler (Fr.)
ILB	55 Chad Anderson (Jr.)	52 Justin Haydock (Sr.)
ILB	59 Dustin Williams (Jr.)	34 Dennis Johnson (Jr.)
OLB	50 Raymond Fontaine (Jr.)	90 Cedric Koger (Jr.)
CB	32 Earven Flowers (Sr.)	36 Antoine Huffman (Jr.)
CB	24 Bo Smith (Jr.)	21 Warren Wilson (Jr.)
SS	1 Mike Williams (Sr.)	31 Claude Sagaille (Sr.)
FS	42 Muhammad Abdullah (Jr.)	23 Eric Ogletree (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	89 Taylor Begley (Jr.)	KR	26 Draak Davis (Jr.)
P	93 Sevin Sucurovic (Sr.)	PR	26 Draak Davis (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Shane Boyd, 43-15-205-2, 2 TDs  
**Rushing:** Arliss Beach, 103 car., 366 yds., 8 TDs  
**Receiving:** Draak Davis, 21 rec., 151 yds., 0 TDs  
**Tackles:** Chad Anderson, 125, 73 solo  
**Sacks:** Chad Anderson, 3.5  
**Mike Williams, 3.5**  
**Interceptions:** Muhammad Abdullah, 4 for 6 yds.

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## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Louisville	L
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>*</b>
S. 25	at Florida	L
O. 2	Ohio	W
O. 9	Alabama	L
O. 16	South Carolina	L
O. 23	at Auburn	L
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>at Mississippi State</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 6	Georgia	L
<b>N. 13</b>	<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 27	at Tennessee	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 31	Louisville	L	24-40
S. 6	Murray State	W	37-6
S. 13	at Alabama	L	17-27
S. 20	at Indiana	W	34-17
S. 27	Florida	L	21-24
O. 9	at South Carolina	L	21-27
O. 18	Ohio	W	35-14
O. 25	Miss. State	W	42-17
N. 1	Arkansas (7ot)	L	63-71
N. 15	at Vanderbilt	L	17-28
N. 22	at Georgia	L	10-30
N. 29	Tennessee	L	7-20

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.3 ppg	57
Rushing	125.1 ypg	85
Passing	202.2 ypg	75
Total	327.3 ypg	96
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.8 ppg	69
Rushing	186.7 ypg	88
Passing	195.6 ypg	26
Total	382.3 ypg	66
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Rich Brooks

2003 Record (SEC East): 4-8 (1-7)





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## Offense

Dan Orlovsky enters the season second in the nation in touchdown passes (61) among active Division I-A quarterbacks. The 6'5" Orlovsky is a senior with two-plus years of experience as a starter. He threw a school-record 33 touchdown passes in 2003.

Even if running back Terry Cautley (1,247 yards in 2002 as a true freshman) doesn't make it back from a knee injury, the Huskies will run the ball effectively. Cornell Brockington can be explosive, as evidenced by a 144-yard average and 10 touchdowns the last three games of 2003. Chris Bellamy averaged 159 yards in another three-game stretch.

Converted quarterback Keron Henry should be the leader of a receiving corps that has talent but questionable durability. Henry is big (6'2", 220) and dangerous after the catch. The offensive line returns four of five starters from last season, when Orlovsky was sacked only 10 times.

### NUMBERS GAME

**4** UConn will play four games on ESPN or ESPN2, including Thanksgiving Day at Rutgers. It's unprecedented national exposure for the program.

## Defense

The loss of three starters on the defensive line may make the Huskies vulnerable. "That's probably the biggest question mark that we have on our whole football team," says coach Randy Edsall. Only end Tyler King (eight sacks) returns up front, and he will likely be double-teamed regularly. Tackles Rhema Fuller and Deon McPhee got playing time in reserve roles last season, but end Shawn Mayne is completely untested. "We have to go out and prove that we're not a liability and that we're going to be an asset to the team," says King.

The secondary is also an area of concern. Cornerback Justin Perkins, who had six inter-

ceptions last season, is poised for a big year. But Allan Barnes started only three games at the other corner, and free safety M.J. Estep has never started.

The linebackers will be the strength of the defense. Maurice Lloyd, Alfred Fincher and James Hargrave are extremely active, and delight in dishing out punishment.

## Specialists

The Huskies will rely on freshman Shane Hussar to be the punter and, possibly, freshman Tony Ciaravino to be the kicker. Hussar replaces Adam Coles, who left as the school's all-time leading punter. Ciaravino will compete with sophomore Matt Nuzie, who struggled last season — 11-of-21 on field goals, including 3-of-13 beyond 29 yards.

UConn hopes Tyvon Branch, the national scholastic indoor 60-meter champion, can juice up the return game. The Huskies were last in Division I-A in punt returns (4.7 yards) in '03.

## Final Analysis

UConn's elevation to Division I-A becomes complete this season as the Huskies join the Big East a year earlier than planned. Though the Huskies are 2-12 vs. current, former or future Big East teams in four seasons as a I-A program, UConn has notched wins against teams from four BCS conferences — Indiana (Big Ten), Iowa State (Big 12), Wake Forest (ACC) and Rutgers (Big East).

UConn opened a new, 40,000-seat stadium a year ago, but the Big East is a big step up. "I don't think there's anyone associated with the program that is going to back down or be fearful of anyone," says Orlovsky.

The Huskies enter the season on a five-game winning streak and are 13-3 in their last 16 games. With a schedule that includes woeful Army and Buffalo and rebuilding Duke (at home), the Huskies have a decent chance to finish above .500 and get to a bowl.

## Big East Prediction: 6th



Dan Orlovsky

Bill Wood

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	1 Keron Henry (Sr.)	80 Jason Williams (Jr.)
WR	17 Matt Cutaiia (Sr.)	83 Brandon Young (Jr.)
LT	73 Ryan Krug (Sr.)	79 Chad Atwell (Fr.)
LG	54 Brian Markowski (Sr.)	62 T.J. Dlubac (Jr.)
C	58 Billy Irwin (Sr.)	56 Jeff Fox (Sr.)
RG	72 Craig Berry (So.)	75 Brian Kersmanc (Fr.)
RT	78 Grant Preston (Jr.)	74 Mike Kodish (Jr.)
TE	91 Tim Lassen (Jr.)	46 Dan Murray (So.)
QB	7 Dan Orlovsky (Sr.)	19 Jermell Williams (Jr.)
FB	30 Deon Anderson (Jr.)	8 Sam Dorvil (So.)
TB	33 Cornell Brockington (So.)	34 Chris Bellamy (Sr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	52 Tyler King (Sr.)	92 John Baranowsky (Fr.)
DT	76 Deon McPhee (Jr.)	57 Matt Applebaum (So.)
DT	93 Rhema Fuller (So.)	53 Ray Blagman (So.)
DE	40 Shawn Mayne (So.)	59 Jason Ward (So.)
SLB	32 James Hargrave (Jr.)	20 Kinnan Herriott (Sr.)
MLB	9 Alfred Fincher (Sr.)	51 Darius Leak (So.)
WLB	11 Maurice Lloyd (Sr.)	47 Taurien Sowell (Jr.)
CB	2 Justin Perkins (Sr.)	23 Cathlyn Clarke (Jr.)
CB	26 Allan Barnes (So.)	41 Ernest Cole (So.)
SS	12 John Fletcher (Sr.)	21 Donta Moore (So.)
FS	35 M.J. Estep (So.)	10 Marvin Taylor (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	Tony Ciaravino (Fr.)	KR	26 Allan Barnes (So.)
P	Shane Hussar (Fr.)	PR	10 Marvin Taylor (Fr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Dan Orlovsky, 475-279-3,485-14, 33 TDs

Rushing: Cornell Brockington, 131 car., 643 yds., 10 TDs

Receiving: Keron Henry, 39 rec., 662 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Maurice Lloyd, 122, 94 solo

Sacks: Tyler King, 8

Interceptions: Justin Perkins, 6 for 90 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Murray State	W
S. 11	Duke	*
S. 17	at Boston College	L
S. 25	Army	W
S. 30	Pittsburgh	*
O. 13	West Virginia	L
O. 23	Temple	W
O. 30	at Syracuse	*
N. 13	at Georgia Tech	L
N. 20	Buffalo	W
N. 25	at Rutgers	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Indiana	W	34-10
S. 6	at Army	W	48-21
S. 13	Boston College	L	14-24
S. 20	at Buffalo	W	38-7
S. 27	at Virginia Tech	L	13-47
O. 4	Lehigh	W	35-17
O. 11	at NC State	L	24-31
O. 18	at Kent State (ot)	W	34-31
O. 25	Akron	W	38-37
N. 1	W. Michigan	W	41-27
N. 8	Rutgers	W	38-31
N. 15	at Wake Forest	W	51-17

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.0 ppg	17
Rushing	179.6 ypg	34
Passing	297.9 ypg	10
Total	477.5 ypg	8
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.0 ppg	56
Rushing	138.8 ypg	45
Passing	201.2 ypg	33
Total	340.0 ypg	32
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	62

Head Coach: Randy Edsall

2003 Record: 9-3





## Offense

The RedHawks have a spectacular corps of receivers, led by Martin Nance, who set the school single-season record with 1,498 receiving yards.

They also have a productive running back in senior Mike Smith, who led the MAC with 18 touchdowns last season. But Miami must find an able replacement for record-setting quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who left a year early for the NFL, and three offensive linemen who combined to start more than 100 games over the past three seasons.

Center Todd Londot returns for his second full year as a starter after making 22 of a possible 26 starts over the past two seasons. The line must focus more on protecting the quarterback since neither of top two candidates to replace Roethlisberger, junior Josh Betts and freshman Mike Kokal, possesses his sack-shedding stature. Experience gives Betts the edge.

### NUMBERS GAME

**13** Miami ended the 2003 season with a 13-game winning streak. The RedHawks own the longest current winning streak in the nation among Division I-A teams.

## Defense

The entire secondary returns, including senior strong safety Matt Pusateri, the team's tackles leader each of the past two seasons. Junior cornerback Darrell Hunter owns the fastest 40-yard dash time (4.29) since the program started keeping records in the 1970s.

Junior Terna Nande leads a group of aggressive linebackers that includes junior John Busing, last year's team leader in interceptions. Fifth-year senior tackle Will Rueff returns for his second year as a starter. Their experience will help make up for the loss of middle linebacker Terrell Jones and ends Will Stanley and Phil Smith, last year's sack leaders.

Injuries curtailed the spring activities of Busing and linemen John Glavin and Larry Burt, who shared a tackle spot last season.

## Specialists

Jared Parseghian returns for his third season as the regular kicker. Todd Soderquist handles kickoffs and longer field goal attempts. Both will have to break in a new long snapper and holder. Mike Wafzig is back for his fourth season as the RedHawks' punter.

Electrifying sophomore Ryne Robinson, a wide receiver, led the MAC in punt returns last season with an average of 17.2 yards per return and three touchdowns.

## Final Analysis

Miami has developed a reputation for producing efficient, productive quarterbacks, so the loss of Roethlisberger might not be felt as deeply as some might think. Betts has accumulated a fair share of playing time in blowout wins over the past two seasons, and that, plus his two-inch, 34-pound size advantage over Kokal might be the combination that makes him the RedHawks' starting quarterback in the 2004 opener against Indiana State.

Defensively, coordinator Pat Narduzzi needed just a year to see his no-frills, attacking style turn Miami into one of the MAC's top units. But Narduzzi moved on to Cincinnati. Hoepfner promoted from within, which should maintain the continuity and lead to a banner year for Nande, dubbed by Hoepfner as "The Nigerian Nightmare."

Last season, the RedHawks capitalized on an advantageous schedule that featured home games against two of the top teams in the MAC — Bowling Green and Marshall. This year, they'll face the always dangerous Thundering Herd at Huntington, where they haven't won since 1979. Another postseason trip is an attainable goal, but the RedHawks will be hard-pressed to repeat their magical 2003 season.

## MAC East Prediction: 2nd



Martin Nance

## Depth Chart

### Offense (10)

WR 15 Martin Nance (Jr.)	88 Corey Kirkpatrick (Sr.)
WR 82 R.J. Corbin (So.)	13 Ryan Busing (So.)
WR 6 Mike Larkin (Sr.)	2 Ryne Robinson (So.)
LT 75 Mark Kracium (Jr.)	77 Chris Fessel (Jr.)
LG 61 Dave Rehker (Sr.)	72 Steve Meister (Fr.)
C 62 Todd Londot (Jr.)	68 Steve Kosky (So.)
RG 79 Nate Bunce (Jr.)	73 Pete Walters (Fr.)
RT 76 Charles Norden (Fr.)	70 Ryan Meyer (Jr.)
TE 89 Dan Tyler (Jr.)	84 Tyler Vogel (Jr.)
QB 8 Josh Betts (Jr.)	18 Mike Kokal (Fr.)
TB 25 Mike Smith (Sr.)	23 Adam Ciriborowski (Sr.)

### Defense (9)

DE 95 Tranaine Sills (So.)	58 Craig Mester (Fr.)
DT 52 Will Rueff (Sr.)	65 John Glavin (Jr.)
DT 91 Larry Burt (Sr.)	52 Will Rueff (Sr.)
DE 44 Jarrod Rich (Jr.)	45 Jerome Bennett (Fr.)
OLB 12 John Busing (Jr.)	86 Justin Davis (Fr.)
MLB 38 Derek Rehage (Jr.)	46 David Hutzelman (Jr.)
OLB 32 Terna Nande (Jr.)	30 Bryan Tyson (Jr.)
CB 28 Darrell Hunter (Jr.)	5 Frank Wiwo (So.)
CB 9 Alphonso Hodge (Sr.)	21 Ryan Redd (Jr.)
SS 19 Matt Pusateri (Sr.)	20 Van Monroe (Jr.)
FS 36 Steve Burke (Jr.)	23 Joey Card (So.)

## Special Teams

K 26 Jared Parseghian (Sr.)	KR 9 Alphonso Hodge (Sr.)
P 16 Mike Wafzig (Sr.)	PR 2 Ryne Robinson (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Josh Betts, 36-19-263-1, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Mike Smith, 175 car., 802 yds., 17 TDs  
**Receiving:** Martin Nance, 90 rec., 1,498 yds., 11 TDs  
**Tackles:** Matt Pusateri, 141, 89 solo  
**Sacks:** Tranaine Sills, 6  
**Interceptions:** John Busing, 5 for 93 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

A. 28 Indiana State	W
S. 4 at Michigan	L
<b>S. 11 at Cincinnati</b>	<b>*</b>
S. 18 Ohio	W
S. 29 at Marshall	L
O. 9 Kent State	W
O. 16 at Buffalo	W
O. 23 UCF	W
N. 3 Toledo	L
N. 13 at W. Michigan	W
N. 20 at Akron	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30 at Iowa	L	3-21
S. 13 at Northwestern	W	44-14
S. 20 at Colorado St.	W	41-21
S. 27 Cincinnati	W	42-37
O. 4 Akron	W	45-20
O. 11 Buffalo	W	59-3
O. 18 at Ball State	W	49-3
O. 25 at Kent State	W	38-30
N. 4 Bowling Green	W	33-10
N. 12 Marshall	W	45-6
N. 22 at Ohio	W	49-31
N. 28 at UCF	W	56-21
D. 4 @at B. Green	W	49-27
D. 18 #Louisville	W	49-28

@MAC Championship Game  
 #GMAC Bowl

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	43.0 ppg	1
Rushing	160.3 ypg	51
Passing	340.9 ypg	4
Total	501.1 ypg	2
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.4 ppg	22
Rushing	111.6 ypg	19
Passing	229.5 ypg	73
Total	341.1 ypg	35
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+20	+1.43	3

Head Coach: Terry Hoepfner

2003 Record (MAC): 13-1 (8-0)





## Offense

The Cougars' self-described "high-octane" offense may feature dozens of formations and styles — from wishbone to five wides — but according to coach Art Briles, the key to its success isn't trickery. It's efficiency. Kevin Kolb threw only six interceptions despite 360 pass attempts, and he didn't have a two-interception game until the bowl contest against Hawaii. That performance as a true freshman raises expectations, but the steady Kolb has run this offense since middle school and is almost as comfortable in it as the coaches are teaching it.

Tailback Anthony Evans, a shifty but strong 215-pounder, will be counted on to repeat his 1,149-yard season. Similarly, 250-pound tugboat of a fullback Jackie Battle looks to build on a 560-yard campaign.

UH's wide-open attack has quick-strike capabilities, with receivers expected to make yards after catches. Junior Vincent Marshall (60 receptions for 812 yards and seven TDs), Chad McCullar and Leonard Gibson will be the lead trio, but at least six pass catchers will be in the mix in the Cougars' high-substitution pattern.

The line could be a problem, as there will be three new starters and a crop of inexperienced reserves.

## NUMBERS GAME

**47.8** UH gave up 47.8 percent of its yards allowed over the 13-game season in four contests — TCU (782 yards) Louisville (779), Hawaii (641) and Michigan (536).

## Defense

Defensive coordinator Ron Harris says his group was very erratic — from game-to-game, series-to-series and play-to-play.

The Cougars lose only two starters on the line, but that's from a unit that was spanked to the tune of 36 points and 440 yards per game. Junior college transfer D.J. Johnson should

start at tackle and shore up the middle, and incoming freshmen will get plenty of early looks at linebacker in fall workouts.

How quickly linebacker Lance Everson returns to form after losing 30 pounds due to a broken jaw suffered in the spring could be vital to the defense's hoped-for improvement.

There is some speed and talent in the secondary, particularly free safety Will Gulley, but opponents averaged 5.1 yards per carry against an inexperienced and undersized front seven.

## Specialists

Dustin Bell likely will be one of the top kickers in the country. He has a strong kickoff leg (54.4 percent of kicks into the end zone) and has a 78.8 percent accuracy rate (26-of-33) on field goals in his two years. He could be called upon to punt as well.

UH's return teams are very good, with Ricky Wilson, who averaged 26.1 yards on kickoffs as a true freshman, leading the way.

## Final Analysis

Houston's 5-1 start last year was its best in 13 years, but a repeat is unlikely. As much as the Cougars will try to downplay their schedule, it is the type of slate that can send a team in a tailspin.

The Cougars play only one of their first seven games on their home field (though two others are in Houston). The non-conference schedule includes games against Oklahoma and Miami, and the early C-USA slate has visits to Memphis, Southern Miss and TCU — three teams the Cougars lost to at home last season.

Kolb will need another excellent year and he should have it, but he must remain injury-free, as the Cougars have no experienced backup.

Defensively, UH has to be tougher and more physical. The group was pushed around on a regular basis, giving over 100 points in each quarter, with its worst quarter being the fourth (132 points allowed).

## C-USA Prediction: 7th



Kevin Kolb

Steve Moore

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR 17 Vincent Marshall (Jr.)	80 Josh Carethers (So.)
WR 28 Josh Hairston (Jr.)	9 Leonhard Gibson (So.)
WR 3 Chad McCullar (Jr.)	29 Perry McDaniel (Fr.)
LT 75 Phil Hawkins (Sr.)	74 Jason Wagner (Fr.)
LG 71 Roy Swan (Jr.)	73 Dustin Dickinson (Fr.)
C 67 Sterling Doty (So.)	61 Byron Alfred (Fr.)
RG 70 David Douglas (Jr.)	60 Jeremy Davis (So.)
RT 72 John McGilvray (Jr.)	69 James Hong (Jr.)
TE 82 Stephen Cucci (Sr.)	81 Jacob Jones (Jr.)
QB 4 Kevin Kolb (So.)	5 Kendal Briles (Jr.)
RB 6 Anthony Evans (Jr.)	27 Jackie Battle (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE 90 Joe Clay (Sr.)	88 Kendrick Goss (Sr.)
DT D.J. Johnson (Jr.)	99 Marquay Love (So.)
DT 62 Kade Lane (Jr.)	79 Gerard Richard (Jr.)
DE 93 Eddie McCray (So.)	39 Travis Griffith (Sr.)
SLB 44 Lance Everson (Sr.)	46 Jamie Green (Sr.)
MLB 55 Ashley Subingsubing (Sr.)	41 Trent Allen (Fr.)
BLB 45 Bryant Brown (Jr.)	1 Wade Koehl (So.)
CB 8 Stanford Routt (Sr.)	4 Roshawn Pope (Jr.)
CB 10 Willie Gaston (Jr.)	15 Courtney Sterling (Jr.)
SS 16 Courtney Brooks (Sr.)	37 Rocky Schwartz (Fr.)
FS 18 Will Gulley (Jr.)	6 Marcus Ross (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K 7 Dustin Bell (Sr.)	KR 14 Ricky Wilson (So.)
P 7 Dustin Bell (Sr.)	PR 3 Chad McCullar (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Kevin Kolb, 360-220-3, 131-6, 25 TDs  
 Rushing: Anthony Evans, 236 car., 1,149 yds., 9 TDs  
 Receiving: Vincent Marshall, 60 rec., 812 yds., 7 TDs  
 Tackles: Lance Everson, 126, 87 solo  
 Sacks: Joe Clay, 7  
 Interceptions: Will Gulley, 4 for 56 yds.  
 Stanford Routt, 4 for 44 yds.

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4 at Rice	*
S. 11 at Oklahoma	L
S. 18 Army	W
S. 23 #Miami	L
O. 2 at Memphis	L
O. 7 at Southern Miss	L
O. 23 at TCU	L
O. 30 Tulane	W
N. 6 East Carolina	W
N. 13 at UAB	L
N. 20 Louisville	L
#Reliant Stadium	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30 Rice	W 48-14
S. 6 at Michigan	L 3-50
S. 13 at UL Lafayette	W 21-14
S. 20 Miss. State	W 42-35
S. 30 at East Carolina	W 27-13
O. 11 at Tulane	W 45-42
O. 18 Memphis	L 14-45
O. 25 TCU	L 55-62
N. 8 Southern Miss	L 10-31
N. 15 at Army	W 34-14
N. 22 at Louisville	L 45-66
N. 29 UAB	W 56-28
D. 25 #Hawaii (3ot)	L 48-54
#Hawaii Bowl	

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.5 ppg	16
Rushing	215.5 ypg	12
Passing	242.8 ypg	40
Total	458.3 ypg	12
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	36.0 ppg	108
Rushing	208.7 ypg	103
Passing	231.7 ypg	77
Total	440.4 ypg	101
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.46	93

Head Coach: Art Briles

2003 Record (C-USA): 7-6 (4-4)

(# indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



## Offense

The Hoosiers will go as far as the running game can carry them. BenJarvus Green-Ellis should become the first 1,000-yard rusher of the Gerry DiNardo era in Bloomington. He'll operate behind one of the Big Ten's better run-blocking offensive lines and get plenty of help from former starters Yamar Washington and Chris Taylor.

Green-Ellis will be the focal point of Indiana's offense, but the Hoosiers refuse to become one-dimensional. DiNardo promises a balanced attack despite the team's inability to mount a legitimate threat through the air. If not, he fears IU's offense will sputter.

Quarterback Matt LoVecchio couldn't establish a rhythm and was out of sync with his receivers in his first year guiding the Hoosier offense. Part of the blame falls on the offensive line, as LoVecchio faced constant harassment.

Offensive line coach Steve Addazio now adds offensive coordinator to his title, and the protection promises to improve. Indiana's mission is to improve the passing game, and the Hoosiers claim they have the tools to throw the ball effectively. Leading receiver Courtney Roby returns after vastly improving his speed, making him the home run hitter IU's passing attack has lacked.

## NUMBERS GAME

**4** Indiana threw only four touchdown passes a year ago. Starter Matt LoVecchio accounted for three.

## Defense

Indiana hopes the promotion of line coach Joe Cullen to defensive coordinator lights a fire under a group of cornerbacks that was torched by big plays last season.

Whenever the opposition needed a big play, it simply went to a three- or four-receiver set, and the quarterback picked between wide-open

targets. The emergence of cornerback Cedric Henry, who has All-Big Ten potential, solves some of those problems, but a void still exists at corner beyond Henry.

The front seven is solid with the potential to be great under Cullen's tutelage. Defensive tackle Jodie Clemons overwhelms blockers one-on-one and knows how to wreak havoc in opposing backfields. And linebackers Kyle Killion, Josh Moore, Jake Powers and junior college transfer Paul Szczesny provide Indiana with some playmakers who comprise the heart of the Hoosier defense.

If Cullen can find a couple of reliable corners, he'll have all the pieces in place for Indiana to take a leap forward on defense.

## Specialists

After connecting on 10-of-10 field goals from inside the 40-yard line, placekicker Bryan Robertson is in no jeopardy of losing his job. Punter Tyson Beattie excelled at pinning opponents inside the 20 but needs to hang his kicks a little higher to aid the punt coverage team.

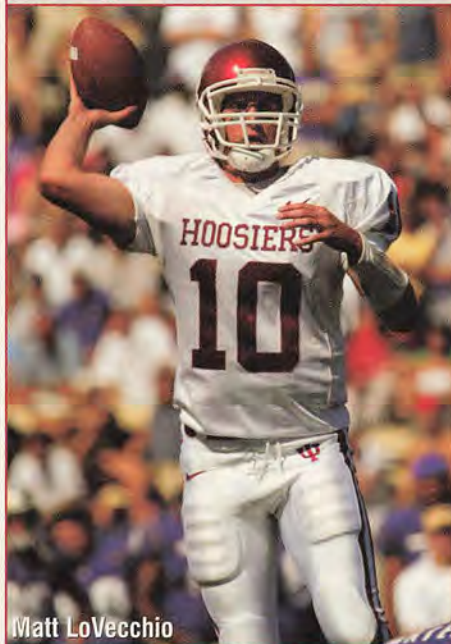
## Final Analysis

The coaching staff made passing game efficiency on offense and defense the focus of spring practice. But improvement wasn't evident as the Hoosiers broke camp as a team still searching for answers. At best, the passing attack was inconsistent, even with better pass protection. And while Indiana's pass rush also appeared improved, the cornerbacks continue to be exploited, especially with starter Cedric Henry out all spring.

With only minimal improvement, the Hoosiers could surprise. The question is whether or not those upgrades are within reach, especially under the pressure of rising expectations.

"We know ultimately we're going to be measured by wins and losses," DiNardo says. "This coming year is no different."

## Big Ten Prediction: 10th



Matt LoVecchio

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

WR	80 Travis Haney (Sr.)	84 David Lewis (Sr.)
WR	19 Courtney Roby (Sr.)	2 Tyke Spencer (Jr.)
LT	76 Isaac Sowell (Sr.)	70 Paul Hearn (Fr.)
LG	75 Adam Hines (Jr.)	66 Chris Voltattorni (Sr.)
C	74 Chris Mangiero (So.)	73 Brandon Hatcher (Jr.)
RG	72 Chris Jahnke (Sr.)	50 Jonathan Sandberg (Fr.)
RT	60 Justin Frye (So.)	68 Brandon Joyce (Fr.)
TE	87 Aaron Halterman (Sr.)	89 Chris Rudanovic (So.)
QB	10 Matt LoVecchio (Sr.)	12 Graeme McFarland (So.)
FB	34 John Pannozzo (Jr.)	38 Josiah Sears (Fr.)
HB	7 BenJarvus Green-Ellis (So.)	30 Chris Taylor (Jr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	94 Victor Adeyanju (Jr.)	91 Eli Radke (Sr.)
NT	97 Martin LaPostolle (Sr.)	55 Russ Richardson (Jr.)
DT	56 Jodie Clemons (Sr.)	55 Joe Kremer (Fr.)
DE	92 Kenny Kendal (So.)	99 Ben Ishola (Jr.)
SLB	13 Josh Moore (Sr.)	48 Kevin Smith (Sr.)
MLB	43 Kyle Killion (Jr.)	59 Cleo Harbison (Sr.)
WLB	46 Jake Powers (So.)	6 Paul Szczesny (Jr.)
CB	15 Cedric Henry (So.)	8 Buster Larkins (Jr.)
CB	26 Leonard Bryant (Jr.)	20 Courtney Clency (Jr.)
SS	39 Will Meyers (So.)	28 Eric McClurg (So.)
FS	21 Herana-Daze Jones (Sr.)	29 Ryan Skelton (So.)

## Special Teams

K	18 Bryan Robertson (Sr.)	KR	3 Lance Bennett (So.)
P	44 Tyson Beattie (So.)	PR	3 Lance Bennett (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt LoVecchio, 291-155-1,778-9, 3 TDs  
**Rushing:** BenJarvus Green-Ellis, 225 car., 938 yds., 7 TDs  
**Receiving:** Courtney Roby, 45 rec., 504 yds., 0 TDs  
**Tackles:** Kyle Killion, 97, 65 solo  
**Sacks:** Jodie Clemons, 6  
**Interceptions:** Cedric Henry, 2 for 4 yds.

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## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Central Michigan	W
S. 11	at Oregon	L
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>at Kentucky</b>	<b>*</b>
S. 25	Michigan State	L
O. 2	Michigan	L
O. 9	at Northwestern	L
O. 23	at Ohio State	L
O. 30	Minnesota	L
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>at Illinois</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 13	Penn State	L
N. 20	at Purdue	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
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## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Connecticut	L	10-34
S. 6	at Washington	L	13-38
S. 13	Indiana State	W	33-3
S. 20	Kentucky	L	17-34
S. 27	at Michigan	L	17-31
O. 4	at Michigan State	L	3-31
O. 11	Northwestern (ot)	L	31-37
O. 25	Ohio State	L	6-35
N. 1	at Minnesota	L	7-55
N. 8	Illinois	W	17-14
N. 15	at Penn State	L	7-52
N. 22	Purdue	L	16-24

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.8 ppg	114
Rushing	155.3 ypg	59
Passing	166.5 ypg	101
Total	321.8 ypg	98
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.3 ppg	94
Rushing	192.6 ypg	94
Passing	237.1 ypg	81
Total	429.7 ypg	94
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.25	46

Head Coach: Gerry DiNardo

2003 Record (Big Ten): 2-10 (1-7)





## Offense

Air Force is unsure of its quarterback and offensive line, but its skill players are the backbone of the team. The Falcons' top three wingbacks — Darnell Stephens, Anthony Butler and Matt Ward — are back, as are fullbacks Adam Cole and Dan Shaffer. Throw rising star Jacobe Kendrick into the mix — coach Fisher DeBerry just needs to find a position for the sophomore — and the pressure on junior quarterback Andy Gray should be lessened.

And if the Falcons want to throw the ball, their two leading receivers return in Alec Messerall and J.P. Waller.

The real question is who will block for the Falcons. Air Force's entire starting offensive line graduated, including its tight end. Only tackle Ross Weaver and center John Peel have ever started games for Air Force, and how soon the new unit jells will affect the production of the Falcons' skill players.

### NUMBERS GAME

**4** Air Force won the national rushing title in 2002 but finished fourth in '03 behind Navy, Rice and Minnesota, averaging 280.6 yards per game on the ground.

## Defense

If Air Force's defense has a strength, it's in the middle, where linebacker John Rudzinski will roam. The senior comes from a long line of football players in his family and is the team's leading returning tackler and one of its most fiery leaders. The Falcons will need Rudzinski's leadership, because the rest of their defense is inexperienced.

Cornerback Nate Allen and Falcon back Denny Poland are the team's only other returning starters.

Air Force replaces three starters on its defensive line and three starters in the secondary. The coaching staff expects big things out of linemen

Gilberto Perez and Ryan Carter.

"Ability-wise, if you look at it in terms of physical talent, we are not as good as we were, because we had a lot of good kids that graduated," defensive coordinator Richard Bell says. "I don't think this bunch of kids will flinch, back off from anything, but we are going to have to be the type of defense where we can't afford to have a bad play."

## Specialists

Punter Donny Heaton has a career 54-yard punting average. The only problem is he's had one punt in his career, which pretty much sums up the Falcons' specialists. There's talent there, but hardly any experience.

Heaton, who booted his 54-yarder against Wofford last year, will fill in for Andrew Martin, but the team's placekicker picture is much more muddled. Senior Michael Greenaway has been the team's kickoff specialist the past two years but has had problems with accuracy. Junior Scott Elberle emerged from spring atop the depth chart, but soccer standout Danny Wasson will be given an opportunity in the fall.

## Final Analysis

The Falcons always soar as high as their quarterback takes them, which puts much of the pressure to rebound from last year's disappointing season on the shoulders of Gray, a junior who has never thrown a pass in a game and spent the last two years on a Mormon mission in Africa. Gray admits he's rusty, but he's got a stronger arm than two-year starter Chance Harridge, and a solid signal-caller can cover up a lot of blemishes in the Falcons' offense.

Air Force has a soft non-conference schedule beyond its season-opener against California, and if their young defense can keep them in games, the Falcons may be bowl-bound after all.

## MWC Prediction: 5th



Darnell Stephens

Peter Brouillet

## Depth Chart

### Offense (1)

WR	82 Alec Messerall (Sr.)	83 J.P. Waller (Sr.)
LT	65 Larry Hufford (Jr.)	72 Robert Krazy (So.)
LG	56 Jon Wilson (Jr.)	Patrick Edwards (Jr.)
C	52 Mark Koalenz (So.)	50 John Peel (Sr.)
RG	62 Curtis Grantham (Jr.)	61 Tyler Dohallow (So.)
RT	57 Ross Weaver (Jr.)	90 Robert Scott (Jr.)
TE	91 Robert McMenomy (So.)	73 Carston Stahr (Jr.)
QB	13 Andy Gray (Jr.)	Luke Ewing (So.)
FB	24 Adam Cole (Sr.)	20 Dan Shaffer (Sr.)
WB	15 Darnell Stephens (Sr.)	5 Anthony Butler (Sr.)
SB	33 Kris Holstege (Jr.)	23 Jason Boman (So.)

### Defense (3)

DE	55 Gilberto Perez (So.)	99 Nathan Terrazone (Sr.)
NG	88 Russ Mitscherling (Jr.)	92 David Shaffer (Jr.)
DE	53 Ryan Carter (Sr.)	78 Nelson Mitchell (Jr.)
LB	45 Kenny Smith (Sr.)	1 Overton Spence (So.)
LB	49 Cameron Hodge (Sr.)	Andrew Braley (Jr.)
LB	48 John Rudzinski (Sr.)	42 Joseph Keller (So.)
CB	6 Chris Sutton (So.)	19 Jordan Wilkie (Sr.)
CB	7 Nate Allen (Sr.)	28 David Conley (Sr.)
Fal	31 John Taibi (Jr.)	Michael Cuba (So.)
Fal	27 Denny Poland (So.)	26 Jared Baxley (So.)
FS	21 Mark Carlson (Jr.)	22 Beau Suder (So.)

## Special Teams

K	12 Scott Elberle (Jr.)	KR	82 Alec Messerall (Sr.)
P	30 Donny Heaton (Jr.)	PR	3 Matt Ward (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Adam Fitch, 14-9-112-0, 1 TD

Rushing: Darnell Stephens, 120 car., 604 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Alec Messerall, 21 rec., 328 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: John Rudzinski, 65, 31 solo

Sacks: Ryan Carter, 1.5

Interceptions: Nate Allen, 2 for 117 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	California	L
S. 11	E. Washington	W
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>at UNLV</b>	*
S. 25	at Utah	L
<b>S. 30</b>	<b>Navy</b>	*
O. 9	New Mexico	L
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>BYU</b>	*
O. 30	at Wyoming	W
N. 6	at Army	W
N. 13	San Diego State	L
<b>N. 20</b>	<b>Colorado State</b>	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Wofford	W	49-0
S. 6	at N'western	W	22-21
S. 13	North Texas	W	34-21
S. 20	Wyoming	W	35-29
S. 27	at BYU	W	24-10
O. 4	at Navy	L	25-28
O. 11	UNLV	W	24-7
O. 16	at Colorado St.	L	20-30
N. 1	Utah	L	43-45
N. 8	Army	W	31-3
N. 15	at New Mexico	L	12-24
N. 22	at SDSU	L	3-24

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

	Per Game	Rank
Offense	26.8 ppg	60
Scoring	280.6 ypg	4
Rushing	104.9 ypg	115
Passing	385.5 ypg	56
Total		
	Per Game	Rank
Defense	20.2 ppg	24
Scoring	168.9 ypg	75
Rushing	183.1 ypg	17
Passing	352.0 ypg	41
Total		
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin	+0.50	27

Head Coach: Fisher DeBerry

2003 Record (MWC): 7-5 (3-4)





## Offense

For a team that finished last in the Pac-10 in 2002 and '03, Arizona's offense is surprisingly capable. Tailback Mike Bell, receiver Biren Ealy, tight end Steve Fleming and three returning starters on the offensive line give new coach Mike Stoops a promising starting point.

"What we need to do is identify a quarterback and take it from there," says Stoops. "We're still a young offense. We can do much better."

Bell gained 920 yards as a sophomore and will be incorporated more into the passing game of coordinator Mike Canales. Tailback Chris Henry, a high school sprint champion who redshirted in '03, makes it a promising situation. Depth and speed among receivers are worrisome.

Sophomore quarterback Kris Heavner, a starter in the final eight games of 2003, is being challenged by sophomore Ryan O'Hara. Both have exceptional arm strength. The difference is that Heavner is a thick 6'2", 230, and exhibited toughness in his rookie season.

The line revolves around senior right tackle Brandon Phillips, given a sixth year by the NCAA because of injury problems. Center Keoki Fraser, left tackle Chris Johnson and guard Kili Lefotu lead a veteran offensive line.

## NUMBERS GAME

**1** Arizona has won just one home game in Pac-10 play — a 27-22 win over Washington last November — over the past three seasons.

## Defense

The strength of this UA defense is in two men — safeties Lamon Means and Darrell Brooks. Otherwise, the Wildcats have some notable worries.

The defensive line has been encumbered by depth issues for two seasons, and it will be no different this year. Defensive tackles Paul Philipp and Carlos Williams are capable Pac-10 players. Ends Andre Torrey and Marcus Smith

have not played well for extended periods.

"This new defense is about attacking. It's all downhill," says senior linebacker Kirk Johnson. "I think people will be surprised at how much better we are." Johnson joins freshman linebacker Dane Krogstad and senior Pat Howard among the starters. Again, depth isn't a strength.

The cornerback situation improved in spring drills when junior college transfer Keil McDonald took command of one spot. Redshirt freshman Wilrey Fontenot is a possible starter on the other side, although incoming freshman B.J. Dennard will be given an opportunity to play immediately.

## Specialists

The Wildcats managed just two field goals in 2003. Their punting was inadequate. Their return game was ineffective. Their punt and kickoff coverage was soft.

Nicholas Folk returns as the field goal kicker but will be challenged by freshman Jason Bondzio. Junior punter Danny Baugher, inconsistent in his first two seasons, is unopposed.

## Final Analysis

If attitude counts, Arizona won't finish in last place again. The core of a team that rebelled against former coach John Mackovic has been all warm-and-fuzzy with Stoops and his new staff. An unprecedented commitment to strength training has changed the team's physical stature.

But Stoops faces considerable problems on defense, especially at cornerback and linebacker. Arizona's offense isn't one that inspires high-scoring shootouts, but it is one with a sound foundation. The offensive line is useful. Bell, Ealy and Fleming are big-play performers.

Heavner is the key. He made far too many mistakes as a freshman quarterback, throwing 15 interceptions. His growth and the development Stoops' first defense will be the most needed variables of this club.

## Pac Ten Prediction: 9th



Mike Bell

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

SE	82 Biren Ealy (Jr.)	2 Ricky Williams (Sr.)
FL	83 Mike Jefferson (So.)	Bobby McCoy (Fr.)
LT	59 Chris Johnson (Sr.)	76 Peter Graniello (Fr.)
LG	72 Tanner Bell (Jr.)	73 Ismael Garcia (Fr.)
C	67 Keoki Fraser (Sr.)	71 Erick Levitre (So.)
RG	66 Kili Lefotu (Jr.)	70 John Parada (So.)
RT	68 Brandon Phillips (Sr.)	69 John Abramo (Jr.)
TE	87 Steve Fleming (Sr.)	88 Clarence McRae (Sr.)
QB	12 Kris Heavner (So.)	15 Ryan O'Hara (So.)
FB	36 Gilbert Harris (Jr.)	48 Pedro Limon (Jr.)
TB	11 Mike Bell (Jr.)	27 Chris Henry (Fr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	55 Marcus Smith (Jr.)	51 Copeland Bryan (Jr.)
DT	92 Carlos Williams (Sr.)	62 Clifton Stanford (So.)
DT	94 Paul Philipp (So.)	91 Brad Brittain (Jr.)
DE	56 Andre Torrey (Sr.)	54 Lionel Dotson (Fr.)
SLB	39 Dane Krogstad (Fr.)	35 Sean Jones (Jr.)
MLB	25 Kirk Johnson (Sr.)	40 John McKinney (So.)
WLB	44 Pat Howard (Sr.)	32 Randy Sims (Jr.)
CB	21 Keil McDonald (Jr.)	13 Luis Nunez (Sr.)
CB	3 Wilrey Fontenot (Fr.)	B.J. Dennard (Fr.)
SS	19 Lamon Means (Jr.)	30 Tony Wingate (Sr.)
FS	6 Darrell Brooks (Jr.)	24 Marcus Hollingsworth (So.)

### Special Teams

K	16 Nicholas Folk (So.)	KR	1 Syndric Steptoe (So.)
P	43 Danny Baugher (Jr.)	PR	83 Mike Jefferson (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Kris Heavner, 237-121-1,501-15, 8 TDs  
 Rushing: Michael Bell, 168 car., 920 yds., 6 TDs  
 Receiving: Biren Ealy, 42 rec., 577 yds., 4 TDs  
 Tackles: Darrell Brooks, 79, 55 solo  
 Sacks: Andre Torrey, 4  
 Interceptions: 3 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2004 SCHEDULE	
S. 4 Northern Arizona	W
S. 11 Utah	L
S. 18 Wisconsin	L
O. 2 Washington State	L
O. 9 at UCLA	L
O. 16 at Oregon	L
O. 23 California	L
O. 30 Oregon State	L
N. 6 at Washington	L
N. 13 at USC	L
N. 26 Arizona State	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2003 RESULTS	
A. 30 UTEP	W 42-7
S. 6 LSU	L 0-52
S. 13 Oregon	L 10-48
S. 20 at Purdue	L 7-59
S. 27 TCU	(ot) L 10-13
O. 4 at Wash. State	L 7-30
O. 11 UCLA	L 21-24
O. 25 at California	L 14-42
N. 1 at Oregon State	L 23-52
N. 8 Washington	W 27-22
N. 15 USC	L 0-45
N. 28 at Arizona State	L 7-28

2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS		
Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.1 ppg	113
Rushing	123.8 ypg	87
Passing	183.7 ypg	90
Total	307.5 ypg	108
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.8 ppg	107
Rushing	180.8 ypg	84
Passing	279.3 ypg	112
Total	460.0 ypg	109
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	86

Head Coach: Mike Stoops

2003 Record (Pac Ten): 2-10 (1-7)





## Offense

Darian Durant is likely to hold just about every major UNC passing record, but that's little consolation for a quarterback with a record of 5-17 as a starter. Durant has had weapons to throw to for three years, and now he has an able-bodied group of running backs and an experienced offensive line.

Last year, Durant continued to leave his imprint on the UNC record book. He became the Tar Heels' career leader in touchdown passes in the second game of his third season, but he will need better decisions and fewer fumbles for UNC to improve on its 2-10 record.

Durant will throw first to 5'8" waterbug Jarwarski Pollock, who caught a school-record 71 passes last season, and hand off first to tailback Ronnie McGill, who as a freshman ran for 244 yards against Wake Forest.

The Tar Heels return a veteran offensive line that must replace two starters but seems to have the depth to do so.

## NUMBERS GAME

**2** North Carolina intercepted just two passes in 12 games last season. UNC had very little pass rush and therefore poor pass coverage.

## Defense

Coach John Bunting, a former UNC and NFL linebacker, feels the offense is in good hands with Durant, and he feels the same about the defense with the addition of new co-coordinators John Gutekunst and Marvin Sanders. Change was necessary after the Tar Heels, often playing freshmen and sophomores, yielded 505.3 yards per game.

The youth movement continues this season, but under new coaching. "That's our job, to get those (defensive players) to grow up quickly," Bunting says. "It's our job to reconstruct the defense."

First- and second-year players are vying for more than half the starting jobs, including all three linebacker positions. Fred Sparkman is a spark plug at middle linebacker, and Larry Edwards is trying to build on a solid freshman campaign.

A surprise leader on the defense is safety Gerald Sensabaugh, an immediate starter as a transfer from East Tennessee State. "He's a leader, and he's inquisitive," Bunting says. "I like that about him."

## Specialists

UNC has a dangerous return game with receivers Mike Mason (kickoffs) and Pollock (punts). Mason scored on one kickoff return and had a second called back by penalty, and he averaged 26 yards per try.

The Tar Heels have a strong-legged punter in David Wooldridge, and they are bringing in Connor Barth, a prep All-American, to handle the placekicking.

## Final Analysis

UNC finished last in the ACC in 2003, losing for the first time in 14 years to rival Duke. That finale ranked UNC fans, who won't stand for another two-win season, even with an alumnus as coach.

Bunting, UNC Class of 1972, has a tough road ahead. North Carolina has the talent in place, thanks to two solid recruiting classes, to begin a move up in the ACC. But the league is tougher with the addition of Miami and Virginia Tech this season and Boston College the next.

The young-player excuse can only work so long, and the Tar Heels don't have an easy schedule — their first road trip is to a place they haven't won in 23 years (Virginia), and they will also make trips to Florida State and Utah. Miami and Virginia Tech visit late in the season, when basketball and Bunting's future will be on the minds of Tar Heel Nation.

## ACC Prediction: 10th



Darian Durant

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	1 Derrele Mitchell (Jr.)	2 Mike Mason (So.)
WR	5 Jarwarski Pollock (Sr.)	11 Adarius Bowman (So.)
LT	76 Willie McNeill (Sr.)	65 Brian Chacos (Jr.)
LG	78 Kyle Ralph (Jr.)	60 Arthur Smith (Jr.)
C	72 Jason Brown (Sr.)	70 Steven Bell (Jr.)
RG	77 Charleston Gray (Fr.)	64 Scott Lenahan (Fr.)
RT	75 Skip Seagraves (Sr.)	69 Patrick Hope (Fr.)
TE	86 Jon Hamlett (So.)	87 Scott Brumett (Sr.)
QB	4 Darian Durant (Sr.)	7 Matt Baker (Jr.)
FB	44 Madison Hedgecock (Sr.)	40 Rikki Cook (Jr.)
TB	25 Ronnie McGill (So.)	20 Jacque Lewis (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	94 Khalif Mitchell (Fr.)	41 Alden Blizzard (So.)
DT	96 Isaiah Thomas (So.)	69 Jonas Seawright (Sr.)
DT	95 Chase Page (Sr.)	75 Shelton Bynum (So.)
DE	80 Tommy Davis (Jr.)	74 Kyndraus Guy (Fr.)
SLB	8 Tommy Richardson (Jr.)	54 Victor Worsley (So.)
MLB	30 Fred Sparkman (So.)	58 Melik Brown (So.)
WLB	32 Larry Edwards (So.)	15 Tyson Graham (Fr.)
CB	1 Lionell Green (Sr.)	10 Quinton Person (Fr.)
CB	6 Chris Hawkins (Sr.)	16 Jacoby Watkins (So.)
SS	14 Gerald Sensabaugh (Sr.)	23 Mahlon Carey (Jr.)
FS	28 D.J. Walker (So.)	27 Kareen Taylor (So.)

## Special Teams

K	Connor Barth (Fr.)	KR	2 Mike Mason (So.)
P	45 David Wooldridge (So.)	PR	5 Jarwarski Pollock (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Darian Durant, 389-234-2,551-10, 18 TDs  
**Rushing:** Ronnie McGill, 128 car., 654 yds., 7 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jarwarski Pollock, 71 rec., 745 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Mahlon Carey, 96, 61 solo  
**Sacks:** Alden Blizzard, 4  
**Interceptions:** Mahlon Carey, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	William & Mary	W
S. 11	at Virginia	L
S. 18	Georgia Tech	L
S. 25	Louisville	L
O. 2	at Florida State	L
O. 9	NC State	L
O. 16	at Utah	L
O. 30	Miami	L
N. 6	Virginia Tech	L
N. 13	at Wake Forest	*
N. 20	at Duke	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Florida State	L	0-37
S. 6	Syracuse	L	47-49
S. 20	at Wisconsin	L	27-38
S. 27	at NC State	L	34-47
O. 4	Virginia	L	13-38
O. 11	at East Carolina	W	28-17
O. 18	Arizona State	L	31-33
O. 25	at Clemson	L	28-36
N. 1	at Maryland	L	21-59
N. 8	Wake Forest	W	42-34
N. 15	at Georgia Tech	L	24-41
N. 22	Duke	L	22-30

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.4 ppg	65
Rushing	150.4 ypg	61
Passing	243.9 ypg	39
Total	394.3 ypg	43
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.3 ppg	113
Rushing	227.0 ypg	113
Passing	278.3 ypg	111
Total	505.3 ypg	116
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.25	111

Head Coach: John Bunting

2003 Record (ACC): 2-10 (1-7)





## Offense

Patrick Cobbs is a tad on the small side, but that didn't keep him from leading the country in rushing with 152.7 yards per game. He was the only back in the nation with four 200-yard games. The unanimous all-conference selection did not play extensively in the spring as the coaching staff sought to develop a capable backup — and to keep their 5'9", 205-pound dynamo as fresh as possible.

Quarterback Scott Hall started only nine games but performed well enough to earn first team all-conference honors. After missing the entire 2002 campaign with an injury, Hall returned to compile a 153.4 passing efficiency rating, a figure that would have led the Sun Belt and ranked among the top 10 nationally had he met the minimum of 15 attempts per game.

A dozen members of the Mean Green earned all-conference honors last year, but the receiving corps was shut out. That could change if Johnny Quinn continues to develop after leading the squad in receptions and yardage as a freshman. Tight end Andy Blount (five TDs, 415 yards) has proven to be more than just a formidable blocker. And speaking of blockers, four starters return on the offensive line, including Andy Brewster, considered by many to be the premier center in the Sun Belt.

## NUMBERS GAME

**18** The Mean Green have won 18 consecutive conference games, tying them with Boise State (WAC) for the longest such streak in the nation.

## Defense

Six starters, including a pair of first team all-conference selections, return from the Sun Belt's top-rated unit, but this is without question a rebuilding year for the Mean Green defense. It's never easy to replace a conference Player of the Year, much less one who won it in

consecutive seasons, but that's what North Texas must do in the case of lineman Brandon Kennedy. Michael Pruitt, who improved steadily as the year progressed, gets that assignment. Evan Cardwell, who tied Kennedy with a team-high six sacks, will start inside along with Pruitt. Both starting ends return, including first-team All-Sun Belt selection Adrian Awasom.

Another first-teamer, free safety Jonas Buckles, leads a trio of returning starters in the secondary. But the biggest challenge will be retooling the linebackers, where three all-conference starters have departed. Shawn Early, who played in every game a year ago, is the only sure bet.

## Specialists

The kicking game will be more than adequate with placekicker Nick Bazaldua and punter Brad Kadlubar, both second team all-conference picks in 2003. North Texas led the Sun Belt in kickoff return coverage (14.1), but an upgrade in its kickoff and punt return units would be a welcome addition. Kevin Moore and Quinn are the leading kick and punt returners, respectively.

## Final Analysis

In six seasons as head coach at North Texas, Darrell Dickey has stockpiled his roster with players that were too short, too small or too slow for the so-called elite. The result has been a program that has been too tough for its Sun Belt Conference rivals.

The Mean Green, the only team in the Belt with a winning record last year, aims for its fourth consecutive conference title in 2004. With 14 starters returning, including six all-conference honorees, a return trip to New Orleans is a realistic proposition. There are, however, some serious gaps to fill, particularly on the defensive line and at linebacker. But that's just being picky. This is still the team to beat in 2004.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 1st



Adrian Awasom

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR 81 Johnny Quinn (So.)	13 T.J. Culbertson (Sr.)
WR 34 Ja'Mel Branch (Sr.)	31 Joel Nwigwe (Jr.)
LT 64 Jason May (Jr.)	60 Jeremy Brown (Fr.)
LG 76 Lonnie Chambers (Sr.)	54 Jonathan Jusiewicz (Sr.)
C 57 Andy Brewster (Sr.)	68 Ephraim Patterson (Jr.)
RG 73 Aaron Harvey (Sr.)	67 Dylan Lineberry (So.)
RT 59 Weston Thaggard (Jr.)	78 Damion Nobles (Sr.)
TE 7 Andy Blount (Sr.)	88 Beau Davidson (Jr.)
QB 11 Scott Hall (Sr.)	12 Andrew Smith (Jr.)
FB 4 Cordale Baldwin (So.)	37 James Mitchell (So.)
RB 43 Patrick Cobbs (Sr.)	30 Kevin Moore (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE 85 Adrian Awasom (Sr.)	72 Joel Foster (So.)
DT 93 Michael Pruitt (Sr.)	52 Chris Miller (Jr.)
DT 95 Evan Cardwell (Sr.)	79 Montey Stevenson (Fr.)
DE 44 Tommy Harrison (Sr.)	97 Raifu Durodoye (Fr.)
OLB 51 Derek Mendoza (Fr.)	41 Maurice Holman (Fr.)
ILB 27 Arthur McNac (Jr.)	53 Issac Colbert (Fr.)
OLB 46 Shawn Early (Jr.)	36 Phillip Graves (So.)
CB 2 Markeith Knowlton (Sr.)	22 LeMario Hollis (So.)
CB 18 Walter Priestley (Sr.)	9 Dominique Mackey (Jr.)
SS 38 Allan Harrison (So.)	41 Christopher Walhall (Fr.)
FS 1 Jonas Buckles (Sr.)	26 Cass Starks (So.)

### Special Teams

K 29 Nick Bazaldua (Jr.)	KR 30 Kevin Moore (So.)
P 35 Brad Kadlubar (Sr.)	PR 81 Johnny Quinn (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Scott Hall, 165-98-1,580-5, 13 TDs  
 Rushing: Patrick Cobbs, 284 car., 1,570 yds., 17 TDs  
 Receiving: Johnny Quinn, 30 rec., 653 yds., 3 TDs  
 Tackles: Jonas Buckles, 50, 35 solo  
 Sacks: Evan Cardwell, 6  
 Interceptions: Markeith Knowlton, 4 for 9.5 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4 at Texas	L
S. 11 Florida Atlantic	W
S. 18 at Colorado	L
<b>S. 25 at Baylor</b>	*
O. 2 Middle Tennessee	W
O. 9 at Utah State	W
O. 23 New Mexico State	W
O. 30 La.-Monroe	W
N. 6 at La.-Lafayette	W
N. 13 Idaho	W
N. 18 at Arkansas State	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30 at Oklahoma	L 3-37
S. 6 Baylor	W 52-14
S. 13 at Air Force	L 21-34
S. 20 at Arkansas	L 7-31
S. 27 UL Lafayette	W 44-23
O. 11 at Idaho	W 24-14
O. 18 Utah State	W 37-27
O. 25 at Middle Tenn.	W 33-28
O. 30 Troy State	W 21-0
N. 8 at UL Monroe	W 28-26
N. 15 Arkansas State	W 58-14
N. 25 at N. Mexico St.	W 13-10
D. 16 #Memphis	L 17-27
#New Orleans Bowl	

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.6 ppg	54
Rushing	177.5 ypg	35
Passing	149.9 ypg	110
Total	327.5 ypg	95
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	35
Rushing	104.7 ypg	15
Passing	219.6 ypg	57
Total	324.3 ypg	21
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.85	10

Head Coach: Darrell Dickey

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 9-4 (8-0)





## Offense

Mississippi State was the least productive team in the SEC last year, averaging just 18.8 points and 320.7 yards of total offense.

For those statistics to improve, the offensive line must continue to develop and provide better protection, while it's imperative that first-year quarterback Omarr Conner keep his mistakes at a minimum.

In the spring, pass protection proved to be the O-line's nemesis. Conner, on the other hand, showed improvement adjusting to the new West Coast offense as the spring progressed. "You could tell he was getting more comfortable," first-year MSU coach Sylvester Croom says. "He got a lot quicker with each practice, and his timing picked up."

The good news for Conner is that Jerious Norwood appears poised for a breakthrough season. The junior running back may be the best-kept secret in the SEC. His elusive style of running, coupled with his cat-like speed, should alleviate a lot of pressure off the passing game.

The receiving corps will also play a key role, especially if flanker Ray Ray Bivines recovers fully from a torn hamstring.

## NUMBERS GAME

**8** The Bulldogs have won just eight games the last three years and have finished in the cellar of the Western Division each of those seasons.

## Defense

There's no question the strength of Mississippi State's defense is up front, starting with senior tackle Ronald Fields. He emerged from spring as one of the more dominant players and answered the call for him to showcase leadership abilities. His coaches also say he's the type of player who can take over a game.

"I think everyone around this program has

known that physically he could be a heck of a player in this league," first-year defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson says. "Ronald is one of those guys you can build a program around."

Of course, success will depend on more than just the play of Fields.

The linebacker trio of Clarence McDougal, Brad Horton and Marvin Byrdsong has shown the tenacity of being run stoppers, but how they play the pass is what's going to be pivotal.

Defending the pass is also going to be key for the secondary, which gave up more than its share of bombs last season. But the experience of safety Darren Williams and cornerback Kevin Dockery should make for an improved product.

## Specialists

For the past two seasons, Mississippi State never had to worry about field goals. Now that Brent Smith is no longer around, kicks might not be as automatic as they used to be. However, it is Keith Andrews' hope that coaches will have that type of confidence in him.

Confidence won't be lacking when it comes to punting thanks to senior Jared Cook. In 41 punts last year, he averaged 41.5 yards.

The return men, Fred Reid and Tee Milons, could make Saturday afternoons exciting for the Maroon & White faithful.

## Final Analysis

Based on the slow progression of the offense in the spring, if the Bulldogs are to escape the cellar of the Western Division, it will be the defense that will carry the team. Fields will have to live up to his new-found expectations, and the defense must find a way to limit big plays.

Still, the offense will have to shoulder a portion of the load. For that to happen, Conner must continue to improve at a rapid pace, while Norwood will have to overcome a shaky line to create opportunities for himself. Otherwise, another last-place finish is inevitable.

## SEC West Prediction: 6th



Jerious Norwood

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

SE	1 McKinley Scott (Sr.)	80 Antonio Hargro (Sr.)
FL	10 Ray Ray Bivines (Sr.)	83 Tee Milons (Jr.)
LT	77 Richard Burch (Jr.)	71 James Redmond (So.)
LG	68 Johnny Wadley (Jr.)	74 Otis Riddley (So.)
C	73 Brian Anderson (So.)	70 Avery House (Jr.)
RG	69 Will Rogers (Sr.)	79 Donovan Davis (So.)
RT	60 David Stewart (Sr.)	66 James Cochran (So.)
TE	86 Blake Pettit (So.)	48 Dezmond Sherrod (Fr.)
QB	14 Omarr Conner (So.)	13 Aries Nelson (So.)
FB	33 Darnell Jones (Sr.)	41 Bryson Davis (So.)
HB	12 Jerious Norwood (Jr.)	5 Fred Reid (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	98 DeJuan Robinson (So.)	92 Roosevelt Tate (So.)
NT	93 Ronald Fields (Sr.)	96 Markell McKinley (So.)
DT	97 Corey Clark (Fr.)	94 Andrew Powell (So.)
DE	36 Willie Evans (Jr.)	58 Michael Heard (So.)
SLB	29 Clarence McDougal (Jr.)	26 Chris Swain (Sr.)
MLB	44 Brad Horton (So.)	52 Kenny Kern (Jr.)
WLB	32 Marvin Byrdsong (Jr.)	19 Rico Bennett (Jr.)
CB	2 Quinton Culberson (So.)	3 Adrian Griffin (So.)
CB	30 Kevin Dockery (Jr.)	4 Eric Fuller (Sr.)
SS	34 Jeramie Johnson (So.)	27 Gabe Wallace (Sr.)
FS	22 Darren Williams (Jr.)	25 Slovakia Griffith (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	46 Keith Andrews (So.)	KR	5 Fred Reid (Sr.)
P	43 Jared Cook (Sr.)	PR	5 Fred Reid (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Kyle York, 42-20-273-4, 1 TDs  
 Rushing: Nick Turner, 123 car., 696 yds., 7 TDs  
 Receiving: McKinley Scott, 29 rec., 391 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Marvin Byrdsong, 76, 40 solo  
 Sacks: Willie Evans, 3  
 Interceptions: Eric Fuller, 2 for 13 yds.

(#) indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Tulane	W
S. 11	Auburn	L
S. 18	Maine	W
S. 25	at LSU	L
O. 2	at Vanderbilt	L
O. 9	UAB	*
O. 23	Florida	L
O. 30	Kentucky	*
N. 6	at Alabama	L
N. 20	Arkansas	*
N. 25	at Ole Miss	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Oregon	L	34-42
S. 13	at Tulane	L	28-31
S. 20	at Houston	L	35-42
S. 27	LSU	L	6-41
O. 4	Vanderbilt	W	30-21
O. 11	Memphis	W	35-27
O. 18	at Auburn	L	13-45
O. 25	at Kentucky	L	17-42
N. 8	Alabama	L	0-38
N. 15	at Tennessee	L	21-59
N. 22	at Arkansas	L	6-52
N. 27	Ole Miss	L	0-31

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.8 ppg	101
Rushing	118.7 ypg	94
Passing	202.0 ypg	76
Total	320.7 ypg	99
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	39.3 ppg	117
Rushing	190.3 ypg	90
Passing	283.3 ypg	115
Total	473.5 ypg	113
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-21	-1.75	116

Head Coach: Sylvester Croom

2003 Record (SEC): 2-10 (1-7)



## Offense

How much can a team expect from a sixth-year quarterback coming off major surgery? Illinois coach Ron Turner hopes the answer from Jon Beutjer is "plenty." Beutjer will have competition at the position; sophomores Chris Pazan and Tim Brasic and freshman Brad Bower will get long looks in preseason camp.

Though the quarterbacks completed 60.8 percent of their passes in 2003, Turner wasn't happy with the 15-to-16 touchdown-to-interception ratio.

The Illini have a nice problem in the backfield — too many talented players. The numbers were whittled some in 2003 because of injuries. But if E.B. Halsey, Pierre Thomas and Marcus Mason stay healthy this season, Turner will have three capable tailbacks to choose from.

The wildcard among the Illini receivers is Kendrick Jones. The coaches have been waiting for the talented junior to live up to his potential. He had a strong spring, making both routine and spectacular catches.

Four starters return on the line, but they aren't all locks for jobs. Not when the Illinois offense finished 101st nationally in rushing and 107th in scoring.

"We're going to get the best five on the field, whoever they might be," Turner says.

## NUMBERS GAME

**2** The Illinois defense intercepted just two passes last fall, tying for last among all 117 Division I-A schools.

## Defense

Turner brought his defensive coaches into a room during the off-season, showed them the board listing the offensive players and said, "Take who you want."

The defensive coaches followed the instructions. Their first draft pick was Kelvin Hayden,

who led the team in receiving in 2003. Hayden, they thought, would make a fine cornerback. The defensive coaches also asked for and received offensive lineman Chris Norwell (now a defensive tackle) and running back Morris Virgil (now a safety).

"We've got to stop people," Turner says. "If we can't stop people, we're not going to win."

The most important cog in the lineup wasn't on the field during the spring. End Mike O'Brien was recovering nicely from knee surgery and is expected to be back for training camp.

## Specialists

Turner landed the state's best placekicker, Rock Island's Jason Reda. If Reda is ready to handle extra points and field goals, it will give Turner some options. If not, Steve Weatherford will handle the placements and Matt Minnes will be the punter. Weatherford was among the league's best punters in 2003, but Minnes is a capable backup.

## Final Analysis

It isn't just about going to a bowl game and having fun at Illinois anymore. It's about keeping the coach on the job. Many outside the program called for Turner's dismissal after the 1-11 finish in 2003. But Illinois athletic director Ron Guenther stuck by his man. Now, Turner and his staff need to prove Guenther right.

The schedule is the most Illinois-friendly in Turner's eight seasons, with a record seven home games. The team doesn't leave Memorial Stadium until October and has just three games outside of Illinois (the finale is at Northwestern).

Beutjer must overcome his back injury and return to 2002 form. The team needs a major leap from the defense, which was run over by the rest of the league in 2003.

Still, it will be difficult for Illinois to climb up the Big Ten ladder this fall. There simply aren't any weak teams in the league.

## Big Ten Prediction: 11th



Matt Sinclair

Steve Weismann

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	4 Ade Adegemo (Sr.)	84 Kendrick Jones (Jr.)
WR	1 Lonnie Hurst (So.)	19 Mark Kornfeld (Sr.)
LT	57 JJ Simmons (So.)	68 Jim LaBonte (Fr.)
LG	64 Martin O'Donnell (Fr.)	71 Bryan Koch (Sr.)
C	75 Duke Preston (Sr.)	69 Ben Amundsen (Fr.)
RG	67 Matt Maddox (So.)	61 Jordan Kruger (Jr.)
RT	70 Bucky Babcock (Sr.)	79 James Ryan (Fr.)
TE	88 Melvin Bryant (So.)	81 Anthony McClellan (Sr.)
QB	7 Jon Beutjer (Sr.)	16 Chris Pazan (So.)
FB	34 Jason Davis (Jr.)	33 Brock Bolen (Fr.)
RB	26 E.B. Halsey (So.)	30 Pierre Thomas (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE	93 Mike O'Brien (Sr.)	95 Lee Robinson (Sr.)
DT	97 Ryan Matha (Jr.)	61 Adam Wilk (So.)
DT	73 Chris Norwell (Fr.)	74 Mike Maloney (Sr.)
DE	90 Scott Moss (Jr.)	92 Arthur Boyd (So.)
LB	36 Josh Tischer (Jr.)	46 Antonio Mason (Jr.)
LB	53 Joe Mele (Fr.)	45 Mike Gawelek (Sr.)
LB	44 Matt Sinclair (Sr.)	47 J Leman (Fr.)
CB	6 Kelvin Hayden (Sr.)	21 Taman Jordan (Sr.)
CB	18 Alan Ball (So.)	22 Shariff Abdullah (So.)
SS	20 Morris Virgil (Sr.)	42 Kevin Mitchell (Fr.)
FS	28 Travis Williams (Jr.)	10 Kyle Kleckner (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	37 Steve Weatherford (Jr.)	KR	26 E.B. Halsey (So.)
P	38 Matt Minnes (Sr.)	PR	26 E.B. Halsey (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Jon Beutjer, 257-162-1,597-9, 10 TDs  
 Rushing: E.B. Halsey, 140 car., 525 yds., 2 TDs  
 Receiving: Kelvin Hayden, 52 rec., 592 yds., 3 TDs  
 Tackles: Matt Sinclair, 129, 61 solo  
 Sacks: Matt Sinclair, 4  
 Interceptions: Travis Williams, 1 for 32 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Florida A&M	W
S. 11	UCLA	L
S. 18	Western Michigan	W
S. 25	Purdue	L
O. 2	at Wisconsin	L
O. 9	at Michigan State	L
O. 16	Michigan	L
O. 23	at Minnesota	L
O. 30	Iowa	L
N. 6	Indiana	*
N. 20	at Northwestern	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Missouri	L	15-22
S. 6	Illinois State	W	49-22
S. 13	at UCLA	L	3-6
S. 20	California	L	24-31
S. 27	Wisconsin	L	20-38
O. 4	at Purdue	L	10-43
O. 11	Michigan State	L	14-49
O. 18	at Michigan	L	14-56
O. 25	Minnesota	L	10-36
N. 1	at Iowa	L	10-41
N. 8	at Indiana	L	14-17
N. 22	Northwestern	L	20-37

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.9 ppg	107
Rushing	110.7 ypg	101
Passing	229.7 ypg	46
Total	340.3 ypg	87
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.2 ppg	98
Rushing	224.3 ypg	111
Passing	202.3 ypg	35
Total	426.6 ypg	92
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-18	-1.50	112

Head Coach: Ron Turner

2003 Record (Big Ten): 1-11 (0-8)



## Offense

Any revival of the Stanford offense, ranked last in the Pac-10 for the past two seasons, begins at quarterback, where sophomore Trent Edwards gets his turn to prove whether he is the next great Stanford passer. Edwards started four games in 2003 but showed his inexperience — 750 passing yards with four touchdowns.

The No. 1 receiver will likely be sophomore Mark Bradford, who flashed enormous promise as a true freshman in 2003. Bradford led Stanford last season in receiving yards (587), touchdown receptions (three) and yards per catch (15.9). Senior tight end Alex Smith is a proven talent with great size and good hands, catching 24 passes for 185 yards and three TDs in 2003.

Last season, the Cardinal rushed for a Pac-10-low 1,054 yards. Running back Kenneth Tolon is steady. J.R. Lemon has shown explosiveness and the ability to break the big play.

The offensive line is still young. But Teevens believes that a year's experience will make a world of difference for players such as Jeff Edwards, Brian Head, Josiah Vinson, Jon Cochran and Ismail Simpson.

### NUMBERS GAME

**2.4** Buddy Teevens has averaged just 2.4 wins per season in his seven years as a Division I-A head coach.

## Defense

Stanford returns nine starters from 2003, including all starters at linebacker and in the secondary, which is led by honors candidate Oshiomogho Atogwe.

The biggest issue on the line is a consistent pass rush. Stanford ranked last in the Pac-10 in sacks last season, averaging a dismal 2.0 per game. The coaching staff moved some bodies around in the spring searching for the right combination. Jon Alston, a linebacker in 2003, could

start at one end opposite senior Will Svitek. Former defensive tackle Scott Scharff will be in the mix, as well. On the interior, nosetackle Babatunde Oshinowo assumes the leadership role vacated by Gordon. He will be flanked at the tackle spot by junior Casey Carroll or Julian Jenkins, a converted end.

The three starters at linebacker — David Bergeron, Jared Newberry and Kevin Schimmelman — feel as if they have something to prove. "The way we ended last season left a real bitter taste, especially the way we played as a defense," Newberry says. "We will use it, but we won't dwell on it."

Atogwe, the team leader in tackles the last two seasons, recovered six fumbles in 2003. Sophomore Trevor Hooper is back at strong safety after starting every game last season.

## Specialists

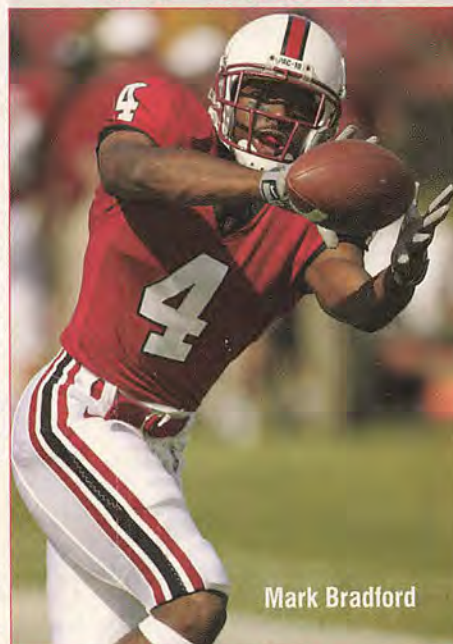
Stanford is looking for a new punter and for new life in its kicker this season. Junior Michael Sgroi will likely re-assume the kicking duties, but will have to do better than the 7-for-13 field-goal mark he put up in 2003. The Cardinal will replace three-year punter Eric Johnson with redshirt freshman Jay Ottovogio.

## Final Analysis

Six wins in two seasons is not endearing Buddy Teevens to the Cardinal faithful. Worse yet, the program that produced so many prolific passers has fielded some of the most anemic offenses in all the land. And with a young offensive line and a still-unproven quarterback, it's hard to envision the Cardinal offense being much improved in 2004.

The defense, with nine starters back, should be solid, but will that be enough to make the Cardinal competitive in the Pac-10? Not likely. Opening the season with four straight home games might help — even though one is against USC — but Stanford appears headed toward another difficult season in the Pac-10.

## Pac-10 Prediction: 10th



Mark Bradford

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	4 Mark Bradford (So.)	7 Justin McCullum (Jr.)
FL	23 Greg Camarillo (Sr.)	40 Evan Moore (So.)
LT	78 Jon Cochran (So.)	73 Amir Malayery (Fr.)
LG	79 Ismail Simpson (So.)	74 David Beall (So.)
C	71 Brian Head (Jr.)	Alex Fletcher (Fr.)
RG	59 Josiah Vinson (So.)	74 David Beall (So.)
RT	70 Jeff Edwards (So.)	62 Tim Mattran (So.)
TE	81 Alex Smith (Sr.)	87 Matt Traverso (So.)
QB	5 Trent Edwards (So.)	11 Kyle Matter (Jr.)
FB	31 Kris Bonifas (Jr.)	32 Emeka Nnoli (Fr.)
RB	26 Kenneth Tolon (Sr.)	9 J.R. Lemon (Jr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	37 Jon Alston (Jr.)	20 Timi Wusu (Jr.)
DT	92 Casey Carroll (Jr.)	94 Julian Jenkins (Jr.)
NT	96 Babatunde Oshinowo (Jr.)	93 Nick Frank (So.)
DE	85 Will Svitek (Sr.)	98 Scott Scharff (Sr.)
OLB	17 Jared Newberry (Sr.)	97 Emmanuel Awofadeju (Fr.)
ILB	48 David Bergeron (Sr.)	53 Landon Johnson (Fr.)
ILB	47 Kevin Schimmelman (Jr.)	55 Michael Okwo (So.)
CB	2 Stanley Wilson (Sr.)	35 T.J. Rushing (Jr.)
CB	29 Leigh Torrence (Sr.)	2 Stanley Wilson (Sr.)
SS	24 Trevor Hooper (So.)	43 Bryan Bentrrott (So.)
FS	21 Oshiomogho Atogwe (Sr.)	46 Brandon Harrison (So.)

## Special Teams

K	15 Michael Sgroi (Jr.)	KR	26 Kenneth Tolon (Sr.)
P	27 Jay Ottovogio (Fr.)	PR	26 Kenneth Tolon (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Trent Edwards, 170-77-750-9, 4 TDs  
**Rushing:** Kenneth Tolon III, 150 car., 522 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Mark Bradford, 37 rec., 587 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** Oshiomogho Atogwe, 90, 54 solo  
**Sacks:** Babatunde Oshinowo, Jr., 4  
**Interceptions:** Trevor Hooper, 3 for 66 yds.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 11	San Jose State	W
S. 18	BYU	*
S. 25	USC	L
O. 2	Washington	L
O. 9	at Notre Dame	L
O. 16	at Washington State	L
O. 23	Oregon	L
O. 30	at UCLA	L
N. 6	at Arizona State	L
N. 13	Oregon State	L
N. 20	at California	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	San Jose State	W	31-10
S. 20	at BYU	W	18-14
S. 27	at Washington	L	17-28
O. 11	at USC	L	21-44
O. 18	Wash. State	L	14-24
O. 25	at Oregon	L	0-35
N. 1	UCLA	W	21-14
N. 8	Arizona State	W	38-27
N. 15	at Oregon State	L	3-43
N. 22	California	L	16-28
N. 29	Notre Dame	L	7-57

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.9 ppg	108
Rushing	95.8 ypg	112
Passing	187.2 ypg	89
Total	283.0 ypg	113
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.5 ppg	79
Rushing	137.5 ypg	41
Passing	296.3 ypg	117
Total	433.8 ypg	99
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.09	56

Head Coach: Buddy Teevens

2003 Record (Pac-10): 4-7 (2-6)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters





## Offense

The quarterback of the future appears to be Iowa State's quarterback of the present as well. While the Cyclones didn't have very good luck with talented, inexperienced signal callers during last season's 2-10 embarrassment, Bret Meyer may be the player who is immune to the typical freshman pitfalls.

"If he's the best and has the most talent and is the most consistent then I don't worry about (starting Meyer) at all," coach Dan McCarney says.

What's more concerning is who Meyer will throw to.

The top two receivers could be redshirt freshmen Todd Blythe and Milan Moses, and the rest have about as much combined experience. Running back will be a strong point with powerful sophomore Stevie Hicks ready to break out. True freshman Jason Scales also will play a big role.

New offensive coordinator Barney Cotton has fine-tuned what was the 109th-ranked offense in 2003. Cotton also will coach the offensive line, which struggled to open holes and pass protect last season.

"We've got to bring it together this year," right tackle Aaron Brant says. "We're looking forward to a great season."

## NUMBERS GAME

**16** Iowa State has lost 16-of-19 games going back to a 49-3 loss at Oklahoma in 2002. The Cyclones were ranked No. 9 nationally before that game.

## Defense

The Cyclones will be improved defensively. How much will depend on how quickly junior college transfers can contribute in all three areas.

Up front Iowa State is strong, with Big 12 co-Defensive Freshman of the Year Jason

Berryman at one end spot. Historically the middle of the line has been soft, but sophomore Brent Curvey and former Iowa tackle Fabian Dodd will be hard to move.

"(The defensive line) should be one of the strengths of our team. I like the way they are working," McCarney says.

Brandon Brown anchors the middle of the defense, and Tyson Smith is back from injury at a new spot, outside linebacker.

Transfers Josh Hargis, LaMarcus Hicks and Jerry Gair are being counted on to provide immediate help in the secondary, which returns only one starter.

An undersized linebacker last season, Nik Moser has moved back to a more comfortable spot at strong safety.

## Specialists

There will be one man to love or hate with Iowa State's kicking game. Senior Tony Yelk will handle all field goal, PAT, kickoff and punting duties — a rare feat in college football. Yelk has a very strong leg and can handle the workload. His consistency has been a problem over the years, and he must get better in order to hold onto to all of his jobs.

Iowa State was poor in the return game last season. Scales will be back on kickoffs and could get a look on punts if senior Todd Miller isn't more productive.

## Final Analysis

Conventional wisdom — and a young team with a difficult, but not killer schedule — says Iowa State will have a hard time making the climb up the Big 12 ladder this season.

But there is plenty of reason for optimism with half the depth chart either freshmen or sophomores. If Meyer can avoid the pitfalls that doomed Cyclone signal-callers last year, and the youth around him responds to a new offensive system, 2004 can be productive year to build for the future.

## Big 12 North Prediction: 6th



Brandon Brown

Scott Boehm

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	1	Todd Blythe (Fr.)	32	Milan Moses (Fr.)
WR	87	Andy Kohler (Sr.)	81	Jon Davis (So.)
WR*		Terrance Highsmith (Jr.)	3	Ryan Baum (So.)
LT	53	Cale Stubbe (Sr.)	68	John Tjaden (Fr.)
LG	69	Bastian Schober (Fr.)	72	Kory Pence (Jr.)
C	67	Luke Vander Sanden (Sr.)	55	Anthony Walker (Fr.)
RG	58	Seth Zehr (So.)	62	Johannes Egbers (Jr.)
RT	75	Aaron Brant (So.)	66	Brandon Cook (Fr.)
TE	86	James Wright (Sr.)	36	Brett Kellogg (Sr.)
QB	7	Bret Meyer (Fr.)	8	Austin Flynn (So.)
FB	31	Ryan Kock (So.)	44	Kyle Smith (So.)
RB	27	Stevie Hicks (So.)	6	Jason Scales (Fr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	43	Cephus Johnson (Jr.)	91	Tim TeBrink (Sr.)
DT	52	Brent Curvey (So.)	55	Matt Scherbring (So.)
NG	66	Nick Leaders (Jr.)		Fabian Dodd (Jr.)
DE	84	Jason Berryman (So.)	40	Shawn Moorehead (So.)
SLB	58	Erik Anderson (Sr.)		Tim Dobbins (Jr.)
MLB	33	Brandon Brown (Sr.)	54	Matt Robertson (So.)
WLB	1	Tyson Smith (Sr.)	26	Jamarr Buchanan (Jr.)
CB	11	Ellis Hobbs (Sr.)		LaMarcus Hicks (Jr.)
CB		Josh Hargis (Jr.)	14	DeAndre Jackson (So.)
SS	9	Nik Moser (Jr.)	21	Caleb Berg (Fr.)
FS	8	Steve Paris (Jr.)		Jerry Gair (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	14	Tony Yelk (Sr.)	KR	6	Jason Scales (Fr.)
P	14	Tony Yelk (Sr.)	PR	5	Todd Miller (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Austin Flynn, 212-99-1,238-10, 5 TDs  
 Rushing: Stevie Hicks Jr., 123 car., 471 yds., 0 TDs  
 Receiving: Stevie Hicks Jr., 14 rec., 40 yds., 0 TDs  
 Tackles: Jason Berryman, 110, 61 solo  
 Sacks: Jason Berryman, 3  
 Brandon Brown, 3  
 Interceptions: 3 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 players represent Iowa State's multiple formations

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Northern Iowa	W
S. 11	at Iowa	L
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	*
O. 2	at Oklahoma State	L
O. 9	Texas A&M	L
O. 16	at Colorado	L
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>at Baylor</b>	*
O. 30	Kansas	L
N. 6	Nebraska	L
N. 20	at Kansas State	L
N. 27	Missouri	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Northern Iowa	W	17-10
S. 6	Ohio	W	48-20
S. 13	Iowa	L	21-40
S. 27	at Northern Illinois	L	16-24
O. 4	Oklahoma	L	7-53
O. 11	at Texas Tech	L	21-52
O. 18	Texas	L	19-40
O. 25	at Nebraska	L	0-28
N. 8	Kansas State	L	0-45
N. 15	Colorado	L	10-44
N. 22	at Kansas	L	7-36
N. 29	at Missouri	L	7-45

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.4 ppg	116
Rushing	120.7 ypg	91
Passing	176.8 ypg	94
Total	297.5 ypg	109
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	36.4 ppg	109
Rushing	216.8 ypg	109
Passing	225.8 ypg	69
Total	442.6 ypg	102
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	94

Head Coach: Dan McCarney

2003 Record (Big 12): 2-10 (0-8)





## Offense

Quarterback Gino Guidugli, already the school's career passing leader, will enter his senior year with a renewed lease on life. Frustrated last year by an inexperienced receiving corps, Guidugli had to bite his tongue as he saw so many of his passes dropped and watched helplessly as his passing arm was used increasingly to hand the ball to running backs in former coach Rick Minter's run-oriented offense.

But Guidugli is chomping at the bit to get started this year under new coach Mark Dantonio, the former Ohio State defensive coordinator who took over after Minter was fired in December.

Running back Richard Hall, a transfer from Ohio State, is back for his senior year to lead a talented and deep corps of running backs. The offensive line is filled with veterans, and the receivers will have a year of experience under their belts. If Hannibal Thomas, a junior college transfer who came on strong at the end of last year, is as good as he appeared to be, and senior George Murray II has a big senior year, the Bearcats could score a load of points.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3** UC has lost three straight to Miami (Ohio) in the oldest rivalry west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Bearcats haven't lost four straight to Miami since they dropped five in a row from 1971-1975.

## Defense

The strength of this unit lies in the linebacking corps, with all three starters returning from last year. Middle linebacker Jamar Enzor is the leader of the group.

The defensive line is solid at the two end positions, where Andre Frazier led the team in sacks last year with seven and Trent Cole was a first-team All-Conference USA selection.

The rest of the defense is a question mark. The Bearcats have no proven starter in the inte-

rior line and need help in the secondary. Cornerback Daven Holly, one of the fastest players on the team (4.39 40), led the Bearcats last year with six interceptions.

## Specialists

Chet Ervin returns for his third year as the Cincinnati punter with a career average of 38.5 yards. Ervin was supposed to be freed from punting duties last year to allow him to concentrate on placekicking, but he was pressed into duty on both fronts when incoming freshman Jordan Lear failed to meet expectations. Walk-on Chris Manfredini handled the extra points and short field goals last year to spell Ervin.

The Bearcats have no established return man for either punts or kickoffs. Tedric Harwell averaged 16.8 yards per kickoff return last year, and Mike Daniels averaged 25.3 on just three attempts.

## Final Analysis

This is a team with a lot more potential than people realize. After last year's disappointing 5-7 record, expectations for the Bearcats will be low. But Guidugli is as good as any quarterback in Conference USA and could be poised to put up some monster numbers in the right system.

Too many times under Minter the Bearcats were predictable on offense, relying too heavily on their running game. Normally, it wasn't until the Bearcats fell behind that the constraints were removed from Guidugli's talented right arm.

Cincinnati lost five games last year by seven or fewer points and seemed to have a knack for finding ways to lose games it should have won. Dantonio comes from an Ohio State program that had the opposite tendency; the Buckeyes nearly always find a way to win in the closing minutes. If he can bottle some of that poise with the game on the line and bring it to Cincinnati, the Bearcats could have a successful final season in Conference USA.

## C-USA Prediction: 8th



Gino Guidugli

Ric Fogel

## Depth Chart

### Offense (9)

WR	7 George Murray II (Sr.)	84 Bill Poland (So.)
WR	22 Derrick Ross (Jr.)	9 Hannibal Thomas (Sr.)
LT	71 Steve Eastlake (Sr.)	78 Frank Straub (So.)
LG	75 Kyle Takavitz (Sr.)	79 Adam Shorter (Sr.)
C	74 Joel Yakovac (Jr.)	58 Matt Webster (Jr.)
RG	65 Matt Mercer (Sr.)	57 Jeff Reinstatler (So.)
RT	77 Clint Stickdorn (Sr.)	69 Jeremy Schlicher (Sr.)
TE	89 A.J. Lucius (Sr.)	85 Brent Celek (So.)
QB	8 Gino Guidugli (Sr.)	16 Collin Carey (Sr.)
FB	31 Evan Sparks (So.)	41 Ken Smith (So.)
RB	24 Richard Hall (Sr.)	2 Carl Jones (Jr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	91 Andre Frazier (Sr.)	82 Angelo Craig (Fr.)
DT	95 Lonnie Simmons (Sr.)	92 Jamie Wimmer (So.)
NT	93 Mike Wright (Sr.)	97 Jon Newton (Fr.)
DE	90 Trent Cole (Sr.)	94 Adam Roberts (Jr.)
OLB	30 Jason Russell (Sr.)	49 Dominic Ross (So.)
MLB	46 Jamar Enzor (Sr.)	59 Jermaine Wilson (Sr.)
OLB	42 Tyjuan Hagler (Sr.)	55 Jamey Murphy (Sr.)
CB	25 Tedric Harwell (Sr.)	20 Brian Dodd (So.)
CB	18 Daven Holly (Sr.)	33 John Bowie (So.)
SS	45 Doug Monaghan (Sr.)	37 Anthony Williams (Fr.)
FS	38 JaJuan Hall (So.)	5 Antoine Horton (So.)

## Special teams

K	12 Chet Ervin (Jr.)	KR	25 Tedric Harwell (Sr.)
P	12 Chet Ervin (Jr.)	PR	2 Carl Jones (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Gino Guidugli, 425-227-2,704-10, 14 TDs

Rushing: Richard Hall, 185 car., 777 yds., 8 TDs

Receiving: George Murray II, 30 rec., 270 yds., 0 TDs

Tackles: Jamar Enzor, 137, 79 solo

Sacks: Andre Frazier, 6

Interceptions: Daven Holly, 6 for 58 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Ohio State	L
S. 11	Miami (OH)	*
S. 18	at Syracuse	L
S. 25	at East Carolina	*
O. 2	UAB	L
O. 9	at Army	W
O. 23	Memphis	L
O. 30	TCU	L
N. 6	at Southern Miss	L
N. 20	South Florida	L
N. 27	at Louisville	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

S. 1	East Carolina	W	40-3
S. 13	at W. Virginia	W	15-13
S. 20	Temple	(3ot) W	30-24
S. 27	at Miami (OH)	L	37-42
O. 4	Southern Miss	L	20-22
O. 11	at UAB	L	14-31
O. 25	Army	W	33-29
O. 31	at S. Florida	(2ot) L	17-24
N. 8	Rhode Island	W	31-24
N. 15	at TCU	L	10-43
N. 22	at Memphis	L	16-21
N. 28	Louisville	L	40-43

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.3 ppg	71
Rushing	165.0 ypg	46
Passing	228.4 ypg	47
Total	393.4 ypg	44
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.6 ppg	68
Rushing	144.4 ypg	49
Passing	188.6 ypg	22
Total	333.0 ypg	27
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	62

Head Coach: Mark Dantonio

2003 Record (C-USA): 5-7 (2-6)





## Offense

Quarterbacks John Beck and Matt Berry each appeared in eight games last season, and each missed four games because of injuries. Neither was available in the second half against Utah when the Cougars were shut out for the first time in 28 years.

That day capped a frustrating offensive season for coach Gary Crowton, who responded by recruiting a junior college quarterback, Jason Beck. But John Beck (no relation) or Berry will be the starter, with Beck the likely pick because of his mobility. Crowton is confident the quarterbacks will perform better than last year, when BYU was last in the Mountain West Conference in passing efficiency with 22 interceptions and 13 touchdown passes.

Leading rusher Rey Brathwaite's dismissal leaves sophomore Curtis Brown as the primary back. Brown redshirted last season and played significantly in only one game as a freshman in 2002, but he showed what he could do with 217 yards against Utah State.

Crowton says the Cougars are more athletic at wide receiver. Chris Hale is the top returning receiver with 33 catches in 2003. Rod Wilkerson is hoping to become more consistent and junior college transfers Todd Watkins and Michael Morris will add even more speed to the lineup.

## NUMBERS GAME

**361** *BYU's NCAA-record scoring streak reached 361 games — spanning more than 28 years — before the Cougars were shut out (3-0) by Utah on a cold, snowy day in the 2003 season finale.*

The Cougars will be more physical up front, Crowton says, hoping the increased aggressiveness pays off in run blocking and pass protection. It's a young group, anchored on the left side by two sophomores: guard Jake Kuresa and tackle Ofa Moheatau.

## Defense

Second-year defensive coordinator Bronco Mendenhall's 3-3-5 scheme should be effective again, as long as some new players can learn the system. That's not an issue up front, with ends Brady Poppinga and John Denney returning along with nosetackle Daniel Marquardt. Poppinga is the kind of undersized, hustling player who thrives under Mendenhall, having made 13 tackles for a loss last year.

All three linebacking starters are gone, but the Cougars have several capable players. Paul Walkenhorst is back for his senior season after starring in 2002 and missing last season with injuries. Middle linebacker K.C. Bills missed spring drills with injuries, allowing Cameron Jensen to become the biggest defensive surprise.

When Mendenhall coached at New Mexico, the signature defensive player was called the "Lobo." Naturally, it's the "Cougar" at BYU, and Aaron Francisco thrived in that linebacker/safety hybrid position. Francisco led the team with 116 tackles.

## Specialists

Matt Payne handles all of BYU's kicking. Always a strong punter, he became more adept at kicking field goals last season when he went 14-for-18, making three attempts from beyond 50 yards. He averaged 44 yards as a punter.

## Final Analysis

It has been a long time since a winning season was a goal for BYU's program. But even a 6-5 record would be acceptable after the Cougars' first back-to-back losing seasons since 1970-71. BYU has to rediscover how to win at home and develop a consistent quarterback.

Whether it's John Beck or Berry, keeping the quarterback healthy would solve a lot of problems. Crowton's return to a short, quick passing game should help, but the offensive line needs to be more consistent. More than anything, the Cougars need some early success.

## MWC Prediction: 6th



Brady Poppinga

Mark Philbrick/BYU SID

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	29 Chris Hale (Jr.)	10 Matt Allen (Fr.)
WR	1 Todd Watkins (Jr.)	26 Rod Wilkerson (Sr.)
WR	4 Michael Morris (Jr.)	15 Jason Kukahiko (Sr.)
LT	63 Ofa Moheatau (So.)	59 Eddie Keele (So.)
LG	73 Jake Kuresa (So.)	78 Brian Sanders (Jr.)
C	54 Lance Reynolds (Jr.)	57 Hanale Vincent (Sr.)
RG	75 Scott Young (Sr.)	60 Scott Tidwell (Jr.)
RT	71 Paul Fisher (Sr.)	74 Nick Longshore (Jr.)
TE	20 Daniel Coats (So.)	86 Phillip Niu (So.)
QB	12 John Beck (So.)	8 Matt Berry (Jr.)
RB	6 Curtis Brown (So.)	32 Marcus Whalen (Sr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	49 Brady Poppinga (Sr.)	46 Michael Marquardt (So.)
NT	77 Daniel Marquardt (Jr.)	97 J. Carlson-Maddux (So.)
DE	92 John Denney (Sr.)	54 Shaun Nua (Sr.)
OLB	39 Bryant Atkinson (Jr.)	36 Markell Staffieri (Fr.)
MLB	35 Cameron Jensen (So.)	55 K.C. Bills (So.)
OLB	47 Paul Walkenhorst (Sr.)	43 Adney Reid (So.)
CB	34 Brandon Heaney (Sr.)	22 Micah Alba (Sr.)
CB	13 Nate Soelberg (Jr.)	Greg Lovely (So.)
CS	37 Jon Burbidge (Sr.)	21 Joel Theler (Fr.)
CS	21 Kellen Fowler (Jr.)	18 Quinn Gooch (Fr.)
Coug	33 Aaron Francisco (Sr.)	30 Evan Kleinhenz (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	38 Matt Payne (Sr.)	KR	83 Brett Cooper (So.)
P	38 Matt Payne (Sr.)	PR	33 Aaron Francisco (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt Berry, 235-147-1,445-14, 7 TDs  
**Rushing:** Marcus Whalen, 45 car., 139 yds., 0 TDs  
**Receiving:** Chris Hale, 33 rec., 286 yds., 0 TDs  
**Tackles:** Aaron Francisco, 116, 53 solo  
**Sacks:** Brady Poppinga, 5  
**Interceptions:** Aaron Francisco, 3 for 42 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4 USC	L
<b>S. 18 at Stanford</b>	*
S. 25 at Boise State	L
O. 2 at Colorado State	L
<b>O. 8 UNLV</b>	*
<b>O. 16 Wyoming</b>	*
<b>O. 23 at Air Force</b>	*
O. 30 Notre Dame	L
N. 6 San Diego State	L
N. 13 New Mexico	L
N. 20 at Utah	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 28 Georgia Tech	W	24-13
S. 6 at USC	L	18-35
S. 13 at New Mexico	W	10-7
S. 20 Stanford	L	14-18
S. 27 Air Force	L	10-24
O. 4 at San Diego State	W	44-36
O. 9 Colorado State	L	13-58
O. 18 at Wyoming	L	10-13
O. 25 at UNLV (ot)	W	27-20
O. 30 Boise State	L	12-50
N. 15 at Notre Dame	L	14-33
N. 22 Utah	L	0-3

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.3 ppg	109
Rushing	99.6 ypg	108
Passing	215.0 ypg	64
Total	314.6 ypg	102
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.8 ppg	62
Rushing	130.8 ypg	33
Passing	176.2 ypg	8
Total	307.0 ypg	14
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-14	-1.17	110

Head Coach: Gary Crowton

2003 Record (MWC): 4-8 (3-5)



## Offense

Gone is the old system of using the run to establish the pass that Chris Tormey employed with mixed results over the past four seasons. In its place is the aerial assault nicknamed "Air Wolf" that Chris Ault developed during his two previous stints (1976-92 and 1994-95) as head coach of the Wolf Pack.

Now the question is, who will orchestrate the offense — talented sophomore Jeff Rowe or gritty senior Andy Heiser? Ault won't decide on a starting quarterback until fall camp.

"Competition within the team is good, and that is what we are trying to develop," Ault says.

Whoever gets the job will have one of the most experienced backs in the country behind him in Chance Kretschmer. The senior led the nation in rushing as a freshman in 2001 before a torn ACL sidelined him for the majority of the 2002 season. He came back last year to rush for 1,162 yards and 12 touchdowns and will still force defenders to key on him despite Ault's pass-happy scheme.

A key will be the development of the receivers, a corps that lost over 40 percent of its production. Junior Nichiren Flowers is poised for a breakout year, but the Pack must get production from junior college transfers Caleb Spencer and Trevor Brackett, as well as from redshirt freshman Tony Strong and senior Talib Wise, who moved over from running back.

## NUMBERS GAME

**4** Nevada has lost four straight to in-state rival UNLV, a factor that contributed to Chris Tormey's firing last year. Ault holds a 7-6 record against the Rebels.

The offensive line is thin but has three starters returning, led by right tackle Harvey Dahl. Guard Chris Hines and center Kyle Gosselin round out the returnees, but the Pack will need to develop some depth to be effective throughout the 12-game schedule.

## Defense

The defense took a blow over the spring when two-year starter Logan Carter called it quits due to degenerative arthritis in his back and hips. That loss combined with the graduation of Daryl Towns and Carl LaGrone means the Pack have to replace its entire linebacking corps.

Things look better on the defensive line despite the loss of four-year starters Jorge Cordova (end) and Derek Kennard Jr. (tackle). Returning are tackle Chris Barry and end J.J. Milan, who will team with Craig Bailey to form what should be a strong pass rush off the edge.

Safeties Keone Kauo and Nick Hawthorne highlight the secondary. "Those two really have a chance to be the backbone for us," Ault says.

But the Pack needs help at corner to defend against the wildly offensive WAC.

## Specialists

The Pack went without a punter in spring ball as junior college import Justin Bergendahl won't arrive until the fall with his 39-yard average. Kicker Damon Fine packs a strong leg but he missed five extra points last year.

Nevada needs help in the return game, but highly touted junior college cornerback Kevin Stanley might be the answer there.

## Final Analysis

The Pack has had five straight non-winning seasons, but that should change with the return of Ault, who had only one losing season (5-6 in 1987) in 19 seasons at Nevada.

While Ault is installing new offensive and defensive schemes, the biggest change needs to be in the team's attitude and work ethic. "Nobody will work harder than we will," Ault says.

The Pack has some holes to fill and needs a quarterback to step up and seize the job. But it has a fairly soft schedule and gets two-time defending WAC champ Boise State in Reno this year. If the Pack can stay healthy, they can make a run at the school's first bowl bid since 1996.

## WAC Prediction: 6th



Chance Kretschmer

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	5 Dell McGee (Sr.)	81 Trevor Brackett (Jr.)
WR	84 Nichiren Flowers (Jr.)	15 Tony Strong (Fr.)
FL	13 Talib Wise (Sr.)	5 Caleb Spencer (So.)
LT	68 Adam Kiefer (Jr.)	60 Greg Bellasis (Fr.)
LG	67 John Tennert (Sr.)	70 Barrett Reznick (So.)
C	77 Kyle Gosselin (Jr.)	51 George Yarno (Fr.)
RG	62 Chris Hines (Sr.)	85 Kyle Robertson (Fr.)
RT	74 Harvey Dahl (Sr.)	64 Adam Garcia (So.)
TE	86 Tony Moll (Jr.)	83 Anthony Pudewell (So.)
QB	3 Jeff Rowe (So.)	7 Andy Heiser (Sr.)
RB	23 Chance Kretschmer (Sr.)	25 Drew Robinson (Fr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	91 J.J. Milan (Jr.)	93 Charles Wilson (So.)
DT	95 Chris Barry (Sr.)	59 Ezra Butler (Fr.)
DT	96 P.J. Hooper (Jr.)	57 Matt Hines (Fr.)
DE	90 Craig Bailey (Jr.)	48 Eric Clark (Fr.)
SLB	44 Jamaal Jackson (Jr.)	45 Scott Garrison (So.)
MLB	4 Shaun Tagatauli (Sr.)	43 Kevin Porter (Fr.)
WLB	47 John Simpson (Fr.)	17 Jeff Wells (Fr.)
CB	14 Steven Murphy (So.)	Kevin Stanley (Jr.)
CB	8 Marlon McLaughlin (Sr.)	24 Rodney Landingham (So.)
SS	28 Nick Hawthorne (So.)	18 Shannon Sevor (Fr.)
FS	39 Keone Kauo (Sr.)	20 Zach Walker (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	36 Damon Fine (Sr.)	KR	5 Dell McGee (Sr.)
P	Justin Bergendahl (Jr.)	PR	88 Alex Rosenblum (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Andy Heiser, 326-164-2,294-12, 13 TDs  
**Rushing:** Chance Kretschmer, 245 car., 1,162 yds., 12 TDs  
**Receiving:** Nichiren Flowers, 35 rec., 366 yds., 2 TDs  
**Tackles:** Keone Kauo, 86, 62 solo  
**Sacks:** J.J. Milan, 2.5  
**Interceptions:** Nick Hawthorne, 3 for 42 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Sacramento State	W
S. 11	at San Diego State	L
S. 18	Buffalo	W
O. 2	at UNLV	*
O. 9	at Hawaii	L
O. 16	Rice	L
O. 23	Tulsa	L
O. 30	at Louisiana Tech	*
N. 6	San Jose State	W
N. 13	at SMU	W
N. 20	at Fresno State	L
N. 27	Boise State	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Southern Utah	W	24-23
S. 6	at Oregon	L	23-31
S. 18	at San Jose State	W	42-30
S. 27	SMU	W	12-9
O. 4	UNLV	L	12-16
O. 11	at Washington	W	28-17
O. 18	at Tulsa	W	28-21
O. 25	Louisiana Tech	L	34-42
N. 1	at Rice	L	42-52
N. 8	Fresno State	L	10-27
N. 15	Hawaii	W	24-14
N. 29	at Boise State	L	3-56

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.5 ppg	78
Rushing	171.1 ypg	41
Passing	215.7 ypg	62
Total	386.8 ypg	52
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.2 ppg	74
Rushing	168.6 ypg	74
Passing	237.3 ypg	82
Total	405.9 ypg	83
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.42	30

Head Coach: Chris Ault

2003 Record (WAC): 6-6 (4-4)





## Offense

The pressing question for Duke in coach Ted Roof's first full season is whether quantity is better than quality on offense. The Blue Devils have three quarterbacks who will play, with sophomore Mike Schneider slated as the starter, and four running backs, including two true freshmen, who will get carries.

As a redshirt freshman, Schneider started eight games but threw more interceptions (six) than touchdowns (four). He has the best arm and natural ability of the trio but must improve his decision-making. Chris Dapolito and Curt Dukes, a transfer from Nebraska, are both mobile but undersized.

Junior Cedric Dargan is the best of the running backs. He has the task of replacing Chris Douglas, who gained 1,138 yards last fall and ended his career as the Devils' all-time leading rusher. Dargan (264 yards, five touchdowns in 2003) will have four new blockers in front of him. Right tackle Christian Mitchell is the lone starter back on the offensive line.

Under new coordinator Marty Galbraith, the Devils will throw more short and intermediate pass routes and use multiple formations. That means returning receivers Lance Johnson and Senterrio Landrum should be active, but Roof is counting on sophomore tight end Ben Patrick and freshman receiver Chancellor Young to emerge.

## NUMBERS GAME

**2** Ted Roof won two conference games as Duke's interim coach at the end of the 2003 season. That matches the total of his predecessor, Carl Franks, who went 2-32 in league play dating back to 1999.

## Defense

The middle of Duke's defense has to be revamped due to the graduation of defensive tackle Matt Zielinski, middle linebacker Ryan Fowler and strong safety Terrell Smith. Smith

and Fowler combined for 276 tackles and Zielinski, an All-ACC tackle, led the team with seven sacks.

The Devils have depth and experience on the defensive line with both starters returning at end, including junior Phillip Alexander (6.5 sacks), and three veteran tackles.

Senior linebacker Giuseppe Aguanno will move from outside to inside to replace Fowler in Roof's 4-3 scheme. And three of the starters return in the secondary, including vastly improved corner Kenny Stanford.

## Specialists

Senior Matt Brooks made 6-of-9 field goal attempts last year but was the designated short-range kicker, meaning his three misses came from 39 yards and in. He will handle the field goal and extra point duties by himself this season. Senior punter Trey McDonald averaged a respectable 40.7 yards per punt last season.

## Final Analysis

For one month, Roof convinced Duke it could win. The Devils finished 2-3 with Roof as the interim coach for the deposed Carl Franks. Now, Roof has to do it for a full season, with a new group of players against a tougher ACC. Losing has been a way of life for the Blue Devils, who have been to two bowl games since 1961. Roof will try to change that attitude with the oldest of football game plans — run the football, minimize turnovers and make big plays.

The Blue Devils, as Roof likes say, do not have enough talent to overcome needless mistakes. Roof's first full season will depend on the development of Schneider. He showed the talent in 2003 but will have to adjust to a new offense and a new offensive line. Roof's team showed a desire and intensity it previously lacked under Franks. That much will have to carry on for the Devils to equal last season's win total of four. Even with upsets, their schedule is too unforgiving to expect much more.

## ACC Prediction: 11th



Kenny Stanford

Steve Wollmann

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	82 Lance Johnson (Sr.)	6 Deon Adams (So.)
WR	21 Senterrio Landrum (Sr.)	Chancellor Young (Fr.)
LT	79 Jim Moravchik (Jr.)	72 Garrett Mason (Fr.)
LG	73 Chris Best (Jr.)	78 Dan Mooney (Sr.)
C	66 Tyler Krieg (So.)	78 Dan Mooney (Sr.)
RG	77 Lavdrim Bauta (So.)	70 Joel East (So.)
RT	65 Christian Mitchell (Sr.)	77 Lavdrim Bauta (So.)
TE	83 Ben Patrick (So.)	87 Calen Powell (Sr.)
TE	89 Andy Roland (Jr.)	87 Calen Powell (Sr.)
QB	7 Mike Schneider (So.)	9 Chris Dapolito (Sr.)
RB	33 Cedric Dargan (Jr.)	32 Aaron Fryer (So.)

### Defense (8)

DE	48 Phillip Alexander (Sr.)	34 Derek Bryant (So.)
DT	51 Casey Camero (So.)	92 Ben Benion (So.)
DT	91 Orrin Thompson (Sr.)	90 Demetrius Warrick (Jr.)
DE	55 Micah Harris (Sr.)	34 Derek Bryant (So.)
OLB	30 Brendan Dewan (Jr.)	29 DeAndre White (Jr.)
MLB	13 Giuseppe Aguanno (Sr.)	58 Codey Lowe (So.)
OLB	22 Malcolm Ruff (Jr.)	29 DeAndre White (Jr.)
CB	38 John Talley (So.)	20 Evalio Harrell (Fr.)
CB	3 Kenny Stanford (Sr.)	24 Cedric Mason (Fr.)
SS	23 Brian Greene (Jr.)	39 Jeramy Edwards (So.)
FS	17 Alex Green (Sr.)	5 C.J. Woodard (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	26 Matt Brooks (Sr.)	KR	21 Senterrio Landrum (Sr.)
P	98 Trey McDonald (Sr.)	PR	82 Lance Johnson (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Mike Schneider, 208-97-1,220-6, 4 TDs  
 Rushing: Cedric Dargan, 69 car., 264 yds., 5 TDs  
 Receiving: Lance Johnson, 23 rec., 247 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Brendan Dewan, 91, 47 solo  
 Sacks: Phillip Alexander, 6.5  
 Interceptions: Alex Green, 2 for 4 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Navy	L
<b>S. 11</b>	<b>at Connecticut</b>	<b>*</b>
S. 18	at Virginia Tech	L
S. 25	Maryland	L
O. 2	The Citadel	W
O. 16	at Georgia Tech	L
O. 23	Virginia	L
O. 30	at Wake Forest	L
N. 6	at Florida State	L
N. 13	Clemson	L
<b>N. 20</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>*</b>

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Virginia	L	0-27
S. 6	Western Carolina	W	29-3
S. 13	Rice	W	27-24
S. 20	Northwestern	L	10-28
S. 27	Florida State	L	7-56
O. 11	at Maryland	L	20-33
O. 18	Wake Forest	L	13-42
O. 25	NC State	L	21-28
N. 1	at Tennessee	L	6-23
N. 8	Georgia Tech	W	41-17
N. 15	at Clemson	L	7-40
N. 22	at North Carolina	W	30-22

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.6 ppg	105
Rushing	172.1 ypg	40
Passing	170.9 ypg	99
Total	343.0 ypg	85
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.6 ppg	76
Rushing	158.0 ypg	63
Passing	216.9 ypg	53
Total	374.9 ypg	57
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.33	41

Head Coach: Ted Roof

2003 Record (ACC): 4-8 (2-6)



## Offense

New coach George O'Leary, who headed programs at Georgia Tech (from 1994-2001) and Notre Dame (for five days in late 2001), promised the basics: more running, more stopping the run, more discipline, more graduates, all to get the Knights on track following a 3-9 season that cost Mike Kruczek his job. That will be a challenge, for O'Leary likes to build around his offensive line, and UCF's line is undersized and young for its schedule.

After burning a planned redshirt in the 2003 campaign, quarterback Steven Moffett is ready for a full season of work. He likes the idea of running a multiple offense that made Joe Hamilton a Heisman Trophy candidate at Georgia Tech. Tailback Alex Haynes (2,502 yards in three seasons) will get help from redshirt sophomore Dontavius Wilcox. Offensive coordinator Tim Salem's challenge is staying true to a run-first mentality while utilizing his best athletes, many of whom are receivers. Tavaris Capers (67 catches, seven TDs in 2003), Brandon Marshall and Luther Huggins are the veterans, but Mike Walker and redshirt freshman Sergiort Joachim are ones to watch.

### NUMBERS GAME

**3.3** UCF averaged just 3.3 yards per carry in 2003, the fifth straight sub-4.0 season for the Golden Knights.

## Defense

UCF was 10th in the MAC in scoring defense, 10th in rushing defense and ninth in overall defense last year, and there doesn't appear to be much new on the horizon. Outside linebacker Antoine Poe, the chief playmaker, lost his career in the final game of 2003 with a neck injury, and middle linebacker Craig Harvey left the program before spring practice. That leaves new defensive coordinator Lance Thompson with numbers problems all along his front

seven. UCF recorded only 15 sacks in 2003.

Returning middle linebacker Stanford Rhule has adjusted his attitude and appears poised for a big senior season, but he needs help from Tywin Kalandyk, not to mention a front four that has struggled at the point of attack in the second half of games.

Much of UCF's scheme depends on the abilities of cornerbacks to cover one-on-one. After only two interceptions by the secondary last season — none by cornerbacks — that's still in question. Sophomore Ron Ellis is a future star, but is that future now? Former Maryland transfer Rovel Hamilton is other corner. Two-time All-MAC safety Atari Bigby and free safety Peter Sands are sound, but overall this secondary has struggled to make big plays.

## Specialists

Matt Prater was the bright star amid last year's misery, booting 10 field goals and, in a major surprise, leading the country in punting with a 47.9-yard average. Under O'Leary, though, UCF's famed rugby punt is dead, and punting duties fall to Scott Sevin.

## Final Analysis

O'Leary has only one season to make an impression in the MAC. His first year in Orlando is UCF's last in the league; next year the Knights move with East Division rival Marshall to the re-formed Conference USA.

O'Leary turned Georgia Tech into an annual ACC contender, and his tough-mindedness has already injected some hope into a UCF team that always seems on the verge of something big but can't get over the hump. It's unlikely, though, that this is the team to do it. The Knights aren't strong enough or deep enough on either front to control the line of scrimmage in key games, and the schedule doesn't help: O'Leary's first team opens at Wisconsin, plays at home against Big East favorite West Virginia and then travels to Penn State.

## MAC East Prediction: 3rd



Alex Haynes

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	7 Tavaris Capers (Sr.)	81 Brandon Marshall (Jr.)
WR	5 Luther Huggins (Sr.)	1 Brooks Turner (So.)
LT	73 Larry Peoples (So.)	55 Adam Butcher (Jr.)
LG	58 Adam Toeniskoetter (Jr.)	68 Brad Williams (Fr.)
C	53 Cedric Gagne-Marcoux (So.)	61 Aaron Bern (Fr.)
RG	57 Dan Veenstra (So.)	68 Brad Williams (Fr.)
RT	66 Sean Gilhuly (So.)	55 Adam Butcher (Jr.)
TE	84 Darcy Johnson (Jr.)	83 Harvey Joiner (Sr.)
QB	9 Steven Moffett (So.)	13 Jon Rivera (Sr.)
FB	32 Dee Brown (Sr.)	34 Evandall Williams (So.)
TB	4 Alex Haynes (Sr.)	2 Dontavius Wilcox (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	95 Paul Carrington (Jr.)	94 Josh Stephens (Sr.)
DT	98 Frisner Nelson (So.)	63 Dennis King (Fr.)
DT	93 Ben Brinson (Jr.)	65 Marcus Hubbard (Fr.)
DE	86 Trenton Jordan (Sr.)	96 Chris Welsh (So.)
SLB	22 Gerren Bray (Sr.)	48 James Cook (Jr.)
MLB	18 Stanford Rhule (Sr.)	41 Goodson Ohaegbulam (So.)
WLB	46 Tywin Kalandyk (So.)	44 Lemec Bernard (Jr.)
CB	3 Rovel Hamilton (Sr.)	38 Sheldon Shakespeare (Fr.)
CB	26 Ron Ellis (So.)	33 Rashard Johnson (Sr.)
SS	24 Atari Bigby (Sr.)	28 Renford Parkes (Fr.)
FS	29 Peter Sands (Sr.)	40 Travonti Johnson (So.)

## Special Teams

K	36 Matt Prater (Jr.)	KR	7 Tavaris Capers (Sr.)
P	97 Scott Sevin (Sr.)	PR	7 Tavaris Capers (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Jon Rivera, 75-33-475-2, 1 TD

Rushing: Alex Haynes, 183 car., 774 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Tavaris Capers, 67 rec., 585 yds., 7 TDs

Tackles: Peter Sands, 113, 70 solo

Sacks: Antoine Poe, 3

Interceptions: Peter Sands, 2 for 16 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Wisconsin	L
S. 11	West Virginia	L
S. 18	at Penn State	L
O. 2	at Buffalo	W
O. 9	Northern Illinois	L
O. 16	Akron	W
O. 23	at Miami (OH)	L
O. 30	at Marshall	L
N. 6	Ohio	W
N. 13	at Ball State	W
N. 23	Kent State	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 31	at Virginia Tech	L	28-49
S. 13	Florida Atlantic	W	33-29
S. 20	at Syracuse	L	14-38
S. 27	at Kent State	L	16-36
O. 4	Buffalo	W	19-10
O. 11	at Ohio	L	0-28
O. 18	at Akron	L	24-38
O. 25	Central Michigan	W	31-13
N. 1	at West Virginia	L	18-36
N. 8	at Eastern Mich.	L	13-19
N. 19	Marshall	L	7-21
N. 28	Miami (OH)	L	21-56

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	18.7 ppg	102
Rushing	97.9 ypg	110
Passing	221.8 ypg	53
Total	319.8 ypg	101
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	31.1 ppg	89
Rushing	191.6 ypg	93
Passing	211.2 ypg	45
Total	402.8 ypg	80
TD Margin	Per Game	Rank
-22	-1.83	117

Head Coach: George O'Leary

2003 Record (MAC): 3-9 (2-6)





## Offense

The lack of a proven backup quarterback came back to haunt the Rebels the last month of the 2003 season when starter Kurt Nantkes, who seemed to finally be getting comfortable at the position, went down with a dislocated pubic bone. Nantkes started 10 games for the Rebels and limped off the bench to throw for three touchdowns in a season-ending 35-24 victory at Wyoming. He skipped spring practice to rehabilitate, and sophomore Shane Steichen, who started two games as a true freshman, took the majority of snaps. He got high marks for his decision-making and accuracy.

The strength of the offense will be a deep group of running backs led by explosive 5'7" senior Dominique Dorsey. Converted senior fullback Dyante Perkins and Ohio State transfer Jaja Riley both had impressive springs.

Receiver Earvin Johnson is being promoted as an All-America candidate by the school and figures to leave campus as UNLV's all-time leader in receptions and yards. Tight end Greg Estandia also is getting strong looks from NFL scouts. A big key will be the development of a second wide receiver to complement Johnson.

Three starters and several key reserves return on the offensive line.

## NUMBERS GAME

**24** John Robinson has coached 24 first-team All-Americans in his 17 years as a college head coach.

## Defense

The Rebels switched to a 3-4 defense a year ago to take advantage of a very deep and talented linebacker group that returns intact. Seniors Adam Seward, a two-time first team all-Mountain West Conference pick, and Ryan Claridge, who may be an even better NFL prospect, both return to start at inside linebacker. Seniors John Andrews and Reggie

Butler both started every game last year at the two outside spots and will be joined by rugged junior college transfer Bobby Kelly, one of the stars of spring practice.

Robinson's best recruiting job in the off-season may have been convincing All-America strong safety Jamaal Brimmer to return for his senior year. Brimmer anchors what should be a much-improved secondary.

The Rebels hit the junior college ranks hard after losing all three defensive line starters to graduation.

## Specialists

Senior Gary Cook, who averaged 43.4 yards as a junior and had 26 kicks of 50 yards or more, could challenge for All-America honors. The Rebels must replace second team all-MWC placekicker Dillon Pieffer, but redshirt freshman Sergio Aguayo was rated one of the top prep kickers in the nation and appears to be ready to step in.

Tremayne Kirkland led the Mountain West Conference in punt returns with a 12.6-yard average as a freshman.

## Final Analysis

The schedule-maker didn't do the Rebels any favors. UNLV opens with back-to-back road games at two of the toughest venues in the nation — Tennessee and Wisconsin. UNLV plays just five home games and hits the road for key Mountain West games at Utah, San Diego State, BYU and Colorado State. However, this is a veteran group that actually seemed to play its best away from the bright lights of The Strip a year ago en route to a 4-2 road mark.

The big keys will be the development of quarterbacks Kurt Nantkes and Shane Steichen, and the play of defensive newcomers like cornerback Charles Ealy and linemen Mario Hill, Isaac Watts and Isaiah Tafua. If the Rebels can avoid the injury bug, they have the talent to compete with the league's top teams.

## MWC Prediction: 7th



Jamaal Brimmer

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR	4 Earvin Johnson (Sr.)	21 Tremayne Kirkland (So.)
WR	17 Terry Furlow (Jr.)	9 Donell Wheaton (So.)
LT	70 Marco Guerra (So.)	77 Chris Bowser (So.)
LG	56 Joe Critchfield (Sr.)	63 Brandon Gray (So.)
C	76 Marcus Johnson (Sr.)	79 Tim Goins (Fr.)
RG	68 Zach Gorham (Jr.)	54 Aaron Mueller (So.)
RT	78 Tyler Crandal (Sr.)	75 Marcus Bryan (So.)
TE	86 Greg Estandia (Sr.)	87 Michael Freund (Jr.)
QB	7 Kurt Nantkes (Sr.)	15 Shane Steichen (So.)
FB	44 Chad Henley (Jr.)	40 Mike Frazier (Sr.)
TB	10 Dominique Dorsey (Sr.)	5 Dyante Perkins (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	97 Pete Dunbar (Sr.)	92 Brian Nicholson (Sr.)
NT	94 Howie Fuimaono (So.)	93 Isaiah Tafua (Jr.)
DE	98 Leon Moore (Jr.)	90 Isaac Watts (Jr.)
OLB	32 Reggie Butler (Sr.)	59 Mike Tinoisamoa (Sr.)
ILB	55 Adam Seward (Sr.)	58 Terrence Young (Sr.)
ILB	49 Ryan Claridge (Sr.)	46 Zach Bell (Sr.)
OLB	52 John Andrews (Sr.)	38 Bobby Kelly (Jr.)
CB	3 Ruschard Dodd-Masters (Sr.)	23 Shannon Nowden (So.)
CB	20 Charles Ealy (Jr.)	14 Ernest Gordon (So.)
SS	27 Jamaal Brimmer (Sr.)	42 Jay Staggs (So.)
FS	45 Joe Miklos (Jr.)	28 Will Tagoai (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	18 Sergio Aguayo (Fr.)	KR	10 Dominique Dorsey (Sr.)
P	16 Gary Cook (Sr.)	PR	21 Tremayne Kirkland (So.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Kurt Nantkes, 323-167-1,883-10, 12 TDs

Rushing: Dominique Dorsey, 158 car., 626 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Earvin Johnson, 60 rec., 834 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Adam Seward, 119, 67 solo

Sacks: Ryan Claridge, 5.5

Interceptions: Jamaal Brimmer, 6 for 186 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Tennessee	L
S. 11	at Wisconsin	L
S. 18	Air Force	*
S. 25	Utah State	W
O. 2	Nevada	*
O. 9	at BYU	*
O. 16	New Mexico	L
O. 23	at Utah	L
N. 6	Wyoming	*
N. 13	at Colorado State	L
N. 20	at San Diego State	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 29	Toledo	W	28-18
S. 6	at Kansas	L	24-46
S. 13	at Wisconsin	W	23-5
S. 19	Hawaii	W	33-22
O. 4	at Nevada	W	16-12
O. 11	at Air Force	L	7-24
O. 18	Utah	L	10-28
O. 25	BYU (ot)	L	20-27
N. 1	at New Mexico	W	37-35
N. 8	San Diego State	L	0-7
N. 22	Colorado State	L	23-24
N. 29	at Wyoming	W	35-24

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.3 ppg	89
Rushing	133.4 ypg	76
Passing	175.8 ypg	95
Total	309.3 ypg	106
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.7 ppg	42
Rushing	138.6 ypg	44
Passing	239.8 ypg	85
Total	378.3 ypg	58
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+12	+1.00	7

Head Coach: John Robinson

2003 Record (MWC): 6-6 (2-5)



## Offense

Baylor made strides in Guy Morriss' first season in Waco, upsetting Colorado and compiling a three-game winning streak for the first time since 1996. But to move out of the cellar of the Big 12 South, the Bears need more playmakers to emerge.

Baylor has plenty of options at quarterback, as Aaron Karas and Shawn Bell return after starting games last season. Redshirt freshman Terrance Parks was solid in the spring and junior college transfer Dane King could be the answer after leading the NJCAA in passing (310.8 yards per game) and total offense (322.3).

While Baylor must replace 1,000-yard rusher Rashad Armstrong, the Bears possess two productive tailbacks in seniors Anthony Krieg and Jonathan Golden. Both Krieg and Golden have played in 32 games during their careers and have served as featured backs.

Morriss believes the Bears may possess a couple of big-play receivers in Trent Shelton and Marques Roberts, while John Martin is an outstanding possession receiver.

Junior college transfers Evan Stone and Yancy Boatner could also solidify an offensive line that surrendered a Big 12-worst 46 sacks.

## NUMBERS GAME

**90.6** Baylor's defense struggled mightily in the Red Zone last season, allowing opponents to score 90.6 percent (48-of-53) of the time they crossed the Bears' 20-yard line.

## Defense

The Bears feature a pair of impressive, athletic bookends on the defensive front in Khari Long and Montez Murphy. Sophomore tackles M.T. Robinson and Quincy Jenkins should also be improved after starting as freshmen.

Baylor is grooming senior linebacker Justin Crooks, who accounted for 72 tackles and 9.5 tackles for a loss, as a defensive leader. But aside

from Crooks, there are not many proven performers at the linebacker spots.

The good news in the secondary is that free safety Maurice Lane is a tackling machine. The bad news is that Lane was far and away the leading tackler (129), making too many stops in the secondary. But Lane and outside safety Willie Andrews (67 tackles) provide the Bears with one of the best safety tandems in the Big 12.

As good as the safeties are, the Bears need better play from their cornerbacks to improve a unit that finished 11th in the Big 12 in pass efficiency defense.

## Specialists

Morriss could alleviate some concerns at linebacker by using Daniel Sepulveda, the younger brother of former middle linebacker Stephen Sepulveda. But Daniel is such a valuable punter that Morriss would rather not use him at linebacker and risk the possibility of losing a punter who averaged 43.1 yards per kick.

Senior placekicker Kenny Webb must be more consistent than last year when he converted 53.8 percent of his field goal attempts.

## Final Analysis

Unfortunately for long-suffering Baylor fans, the Bears' progress is probably still being measured in baby steps as opposed to leaps and bounds. To have any chance of winning two conference games for the first time since the creation of the Big 12, the Bears must start quickly and gain some immediate momentum. The non-conference schedule isn't grueling, but the Bears did lose to both UAB and North Texas last season. A 1-2 start, which is a possibility, would be difficult for such a fragile team to recover from.

Baylor has some leaders and playmakers on defense in Crooks and Lane, but the Bears need some offensive skill personnel — particularly at quarterback — to step up in a big way.

## Big 12 South Prediction: 6th



Justin Crooks

Chris Covatta

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	7 Dominique Zeigler (So.)	23 Shaun Rochon (Jr.)
WR	1 Marques Roberts (Sr.)	9 Trent Shelton (So.)
WR*	87 John Martin (Sr.)	88 J. Fields (Jr.)
LT	74 Quintin Outland (Sr.)	61 Ricky Hasoon (Fr.)
LG	70 Chad Smith (So.)	72 Michael Trice (Fr.)
C	79 Glen Oskin (Jr.)	61 Joseph DeWoody (Sr.)
RG	67 Travis Farst (So.)	66 Chris Evans (Fr.)
RT	77 Lequan McDonald (Jr.)	68 Nick Pace (So.)
TE	6 Marcus Venus (Sr.)	81 Mike Miller (Fr.)
QB	11 Shawn Bell (So.)	2 Aaron Karas (Sr.)
FB	45 Jonathan Evans (Sr.)	41 Jonathan Sisk (So.)
TB	30 Anthony Krieg (Sr.)	48 Jonathan Golden (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	91 Khari Long (Sr.)	90 Marcus Foreman (So.)
DT	99 M.T. Robinson (So.)	93 Julian Hill (So.)
DT	98 Quincy Jenkins (So.)	92 Michael Gary (Jr.)
DE	95 Montez Murphy (Jr.)	78 Anderson Horn (So.)
OS	15 Maurice Linnquist (So.)	24 Brannon Moton (Fr.)
LB	34 Colin Allred (Jr.)	58 Michael Tolbert (Sr.)
LB	46 Justin Crooks (Sr.)	39 Tyler Lindstrom (Jr.)
OS	18 Willie Andrews (Jr.)	7 Nick Fellows (Fr.)
CB	3 C.J. Wilson (So.)	36 James Todd (So.)
CB	6 Anthony Arline (So.)	27 Michael Boyd (Sr.)
FS	21 Maurice Lane (Jr.)	26 Kyle Seals (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	14 Kenny Webb (Sr.)	KR	18 Willie Andrews (Jr.)
P	37 Daniel Sepulveda (So.)	PR	18 Willie Andrews (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Aaron Karas, 239-135-1,481-11, 10 TDs  
**Rushing:** Anthony Krieg, 56 car., 222 yds., 1 TD  
**Receiving:** Marques Roberts, 25 rec., 224 yds., 2 TDs  
 Trent Shelton, 25 rec., 298 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Maurice Lane, 129, 89 solo  
**Sacks:** M.T. Robinson, 3  
**Interceptions:** Willie Andrews, 2 for 24 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 The 12 offensive players reflect Baylor's multiple formations

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at UAB	L
S. 11	Texas State	W
S. 25	North Texas	*
O. 2	at Texas	L
O. 9	Missouri	L
O. 16	at Nebraska	L
O. 23	Iowa State	*
O. 30	Texas A&M	L
N. 6	at Texas Tech	L
N. 13	at Oklahoma State	L
N. 20	Oklahoma	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	UAB	L	19-24
S. 6	at North Texas	L	14-52
S. 13	SMU	W	10-7
S. 20	Sam Houston St.	W	27-6
O. 4	Colorado	W	42-30
O. 11	at Texas A&M	L	10-73
O. 18	at Kansas	L	21-28
O. 25	Texas	L	0-56
N. 1	at Kansas State	L	10-38
N. 8	Texas Tech	L	14-62
N. 15	at Oklahoma	L	3-41
N. 22	Oklahoma State	L	21-38

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

	Per Game	Rank
Offense	15.9 ppg	110
Rushing	110.0 ypg	102
Passing	171.4 ypg	98
Total	281.4 ypg	114
	Per Game	Rank
Defense	37.9 ppg	112
Rushing	193.5 ypg	95
Passing	256.5 ypg	101
Total	450.0 ypg	105
	Per Game	Rank
TD Margin	-0.42	86

Head Coach: Guy Morriss

2003 Record (Big 12): 3-9 (1-7)



## Offense

The players may change, but the New Mexico State offense remains the same. Once again, the Aggies will line up in the Power I, even though they must replace their leading rusher and three offensive linemen. With Tony Joseph, who rushed for 712 yards last season, the transition in the backfield should be seamless. He skipped most of spring practice with a broken hand but will be at full strength in the fall. Joseph's absence made it possible for freshman Justine Buries to play his way into the rotation.

The offensive line will lean heavily to the right where guard Steve Subia and tackle Nick Cole reside. Subia was a unanimous first-team all conference selection in 2003 and is an All-America candidate heading into his final season.

Quarterback Buck Pierce was second in the Sun Belt and 14th nationally in pass efficiency and set a school record for best completion percentage. Paul Dombrowski is a capable and battle-tested backup, having won the Sun Belt's Newcomer of the Year award in 2002. The receiving corps is thin, and top returnee Jared Quick missed spring practice with an injury.

## NUMBERS GAME

**44** It's been 44 years since New Mexico State's 20-13 win over Utah State in the 1960 Sun Bowl, the Aggies last bowl appearance.

## Defense

Ten starters return to a defense that ranked second in the Sun Belt and 40th nationally, allowing 350.7 yards per game. Aubrey Dorisme tied for the conference lead with six sacks and was named the league's Newcomer of the Year. His running mate at end, Chris Sneed, had five sacks and a team-high 11 tackles for a loss as a freshman. Tackles Chase Spicer and

Jared Naylor are stout and tested.

Two starters return at linebacker. Richard Glover has started 23 of his last 24 games on the weak-side, while Jimmy Cottrell, the team leader in tackles the last two seasons, is back in the middle. Letterman Sean Dade and newcomer John Howell will battle for the vacant spot on the strong side.

Free safety Matt Griebel missed four games last season but was still the team's third leading tackler. Strong Safety Dominique Jacobs, the only senior in the secondary, led the team with three interceptions.

## Specialists

Steven Smith proved to be a dependable punter after winning the job early in the season. He averaged less than 40 yards a kick but dropped four inside the 20 and had zero blocked. Redshirt freshman Ryan Guardia inherits the placekicking chores. The Aggies will try to put some life into a return game that allowed four touchdowns and generated little field position.

## Final Analysis

Offense is never a worry at New Mexico State as coach Tony Samuel always finds a way to pile up the yardage. So, even with eight new starters, there's little reason to doubt the Aggies' ability to move the chains. Holding onto the ball is another matter. Last year, turnovers led to a dreadful 2-5 record (2-4 Sun Belt) in games decided by a touchdown or less.

It's the stout defense that has folks in Las Cruces believing that the Aggies can make a run for their first conference title since 1978. If the defense maintains the status quo, and the offense keeps turnovers to a minimum, New Mexico State will be in the hunt for the conference championship. And there's no better time than the present to collect a Sun Belt trophy; New Mexico State departs for the WAC next season.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 2nd



Buck Pierce

## Depth Chart

### Offense (3)

WR	84 Tim Tolbert (So.)	14 Preston Williams (Sr.)
WR	80 Jared Quick (Jr.)	7 Brandon Allen (Fr.)
LT	75 Kyle Smith (So.)	67 David Colston (So.)
LG	65 Jose Quinones (So.)	79 Kevin Cimador (Fr.)
C	68 Glenn Propst (Sr.)	69 Mike Martinez (Fr.)
RG	63 Steve Subia (Sr.)	66 Jacob Jean (So.)
RT	64 Nick Cole (Jr.)	Alex Gottlieb (Fr.)
TE	85 Travis Samuel (So.)	99 Cole Leslie (Sr.)
QB	11 Buck Pierce (Sr.)	10 Paul Dombrowski (Jr.)
FB	47 David Romaka (So.)	34 Roberto Muro (Jr.)
RB	26 Tony Joseph (So.)	Justine Buries (Fr.)

### Defense (10)

DE	46 Aubrey Dorisme (Sr.)	32 Traydell Bullock (Sr.)
NT	91 Jared Naylor (So.)	74 Lionel Apineru (Sr.)
DT	96 Chase Spicer (Jr.)	94 Carl Nicks (So.)
DE	58 Chris Sneed (So.)	82 Greg Scaffidi (Sr.)
SLB	49 Sean Dade (Jr.)	John Howell (Jr.)
MLB	42 Jimmy Cottrell (Jr.)	30 Simon Ocampo (Sr.)
WLB	37 Richard Glover (Sr.)	52 Tim McManigal (So.)
CB	15 Spencer Moore (So.)	19 Johnathan Holland (Sr.)
CB	1 Cameron Wright (Jr.)	31 Shukree Shabazz (Jr.)
SS	3 Dominique Jacobs (Sr.)	41 Eric Carrie (So.)
FS	2 Matt Griebel (Jr.)	40 Nick Cleaver (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	93 Ryan Guardia (Fr.)	KR	20 Muammar Ali (So.)
P	16 Steven Smith (Sr.)	PR	84 Tim Tolbert (So.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Buck Pierce, 170-118-1,510-6, 7 TDs  
**Rushing:** Tony Joseph, 129 car., 712 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jared Quick, 14 rec., 252 yds., 1 TD  
**Tackles:** Jimmy Cottrell, 83, 43 solo  
**Sacks:** Aubrey Dorisme, 6  
**Interceptions:** Dominique Jacobs, 3 for 52 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Arkansas	L
S. 11	at California	L
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>Troy State</b>	*
S. 25	New Mexico	L
<b>O. 2</b>	<b>at UTEP</b>	*
<b>O. 9</b>	<b>Louisiana-Lafayette</b>	*
O. 23	at North Texas	L
O. 30	Florida International	W
N. 6	Middle Tennessee	W
N. 13	at Florida Atlantic	W
N. 20	at Utah State	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 31	at Texas	L	7-66
S. 6	W. New Mexico	W	48-3
S. 13	at Oregon State	L	16-28
S. 27	at New Mexico	L	17-24
O. 4	Idaho	L	31-35
O. 11	at Middle Tenn.	L	18-35
O. 16	at UL Lafayette	L	24-26
O. 25	at UL Monroe	W	21-14
N. 1	Arkansas State	L	24-28
N. 6	Utah State	W	26-21
N. 15	at Arkansas	L	20-48
N. 25	North Texas	L	10-13

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.8 ppg	87
Rushing	211.8 ypg	15
Passing	198.3 ypg	77
Total	410.0 ypg	33
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.4 ppg	75
Rushing	152.3 ypg	56
Passing	198.3 ypg	27
Total	350.7 ypg	40
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.67	103

Head Coach: Tony Samuel

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 3-9 (2-5)





## Offense

Wyoming has new starters at quarterback, running back, wide receiver and tight end, leading to uncertainty about the team's offense.

Corey Bramlet takes over at quarterback for his brother, Casey, the program's all-time leader for total offense, passing yards and touchdown passes. Corey is a fine athlete — the Cowboys plan to incorporate more running plays for the quarterback into their offense — but his passing skills are not as refined as Casey's.

In search of its first 1,000-yard rusher since Marques Brigham in 1998, the Cowboys lured Joe Harris, an NJCAA All-American last season at Butler County Community College in Kansas. Harris is a powerful runner who isn't afraid to take a hit — or deliver one.

The Cowboys do return a potential star — Jovon Bouknight — at wide receiver. He'll be joined by sure-handed Josh Barge and Dustin Pleasant, who, like Bouknight, has the ability to create after the catch.

Harris isn't the only NJCAA All-American expected to bolster Wyoming's offense. John Wadkowski is the projected starter at tight end after starring for two seasons at California's Ventura College.

## NUMBERS GAME

**1988** Last season, the Cowboys defeated both of their main rivals, BYU and Colorado State, for the first time since 1988.

## Defense

The Cowboys won't emerge as true contenders in the Mountain West Conference until their defense can consistently put pressure on the quarterback and stop the run.

Wyoming's frontline, anchored by noseguard Zach Morris, who has emerged as the vocal leader of the defense, is bigger and stronger following a dedicated off-season effort in the weight

room. But will the Cowboys be better? Since 2000, they've managed just 50 sacks and allowed an average of 216.5 rushing yards per game.

The linebacking corps, led by Randy Tscharnner, Guy Tuell and Austin Hall, should again be the strength of the defense. But Wyoming will miss Tyler Gottschalk, the team's leading tackler each of the past two seasons.

The Cowboys' greatest concern is at cornerback, where only Derrick Martin is a proven commodity. The outlook is better at safety, where Jay McNeal, Marcial Rosales and John Wendling are more than capable.

## Specialists

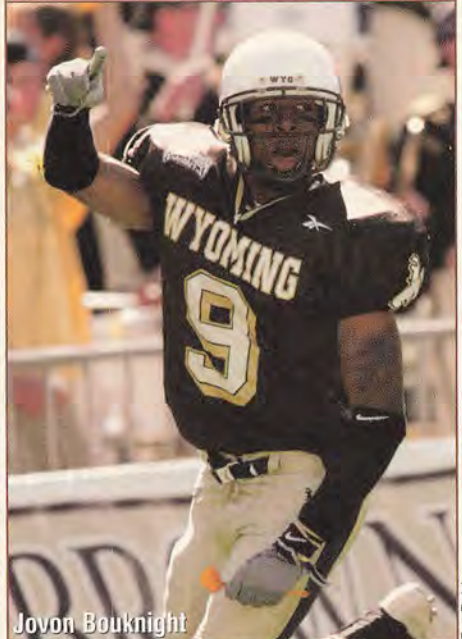
The Cowboys' only unproven player on special teams is punter Adam Brooks, a junior who has yet to appear in a collegiate game. Brooks has the leg for the job — coach Joe Glenn has joked Brooks can kick the football to Saratoga, some 100 miles from the school's Laramie campus — and he worked during spring camp to improve his operation time.

Deric Yaussi, who led all MWC underclassmen with 70 points last season, is back to handle place-kicking duties. Yaussi made 12-of-17 field goals last season — including nine in a row late in the year — and Glenn has predicted he'll be the conference's best kicker in 2004.

## Final Analysis

Will Bramlet prove capable of replacing his brother, Casey, as the quarterback? Will Harris spark a stagnant running game? Is the defensive line tough enough? Who's going to play cornerback? There are simply too many questions to expect Wyoming to make a move in the Mountain West. If the Cowboys hope to be respectable they'd better take advantage of a friendly schedule to the begin the season. Four of Wyoming's first five games are at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie, including matchups against Division I-AA Appalachian State and I-A lightweight Louisiana-Monroe.

## MWC Prediction: 8th



Jovon Bouknight

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	13 Dustin Pleasant (So.)	15 Tyler Holden (So.)
WR	9 Jovon Bouknight (Jr.)	86 Jason Wallace (Jr.)
WR	22 Josh Barge (Jr.)	8 Michael Ford (Fr.)
LT	73 Chase Johnson (So.)	77 Dan Fisher (Jr.)
LG	66 Isaac Morales (Sr.)	68 Mark Schwarz (So.)
C	70 Trenton Franz (Sr.)	68 Mark Schwarz (So.)
RT	78 Alan Erving (Jr.)	67 Hunter Richards (So.)
RG	69 Jason Karcher (So.)	75 Drew Severn (Jr.)
TE	88 John Wadkowski (Jr.)	84 Chris Cox (Sr.)
QB	17 Corey Bramlet (Jr.)	11 J.J. Raterink (Sr.)
RB	32 Joe Harris (Jr.)	2 Ivan Harrison (So.)

### Defense (7)

DE	42 Aaron Robbins (Jr.)	96 Adam Diehl (So.)
NG	51 Dusty Hoffsneider (Jr.)	97 Jake Mayes (So.)
DT	55 Zach Morris (Sr.)	62 Jacob Bonde (Sr.)
DE	43 John Flora (Jr.)	92 Anthony Jones Jr. (Sr.)
SLB	45 Austin Hall (So.)	25 Brandon Haugen (Fr.)
MLB	30 Randy Tscharnner (Sr.)	35 Shane Powell (Sr.)
WLB	29 Guy Tuell (Sr.)	31 Jeff Tatnall (Jr.)
CB	1 Derrick Martin (So.)	24 Andre LaCaille (Fr.)
CB	36 Brandon Bell (Jr.)	3 Terrance Butler (Jr.)
SS	4 Jay McNeal (Sr.)	21 Marcial Rosales (So.)
FS	23 John Wendling (So.)	12 Ron Rockett (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	40 Deric Yaussi (Jr.)	KR	9 Jovon Bouknight (Jr.)
P	39 Adam Brooks (Jr.)	PR	22 Josh Barge (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Corey Bramlet, 9-6-63-0, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Ivan Harrison, 41 car., 151 yds., 1 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jovon Bouknight, 47 rec., 746 yds., 7 TDs  
**Tackles:** Randy Tscharnner, 88, 45 solo  
**Sacks:** Zach Morris, 2.5  
**Interceptions:** 4 players with 1 INT

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Appalachian State	W
S. 11	at Texas A&M	L
S. 25	Ole Miss	L
O. 2	Louisiana-Monroe	W
O. 9	San Diego State	L
<b>O. 16</b>	<b>at BYU</b>	*
O. 22	at Colorado State	L
O. 30	Air Force	L
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>at UNLV</b>	*
N. 13	Utah	L
N. 20	at New Mexico	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	Montana State	W	21-10
S. 6	at Oklahoma St.	L	24-48
S. 13	Kansas	L	35-42
S. 20	at Air Force	L	29-35
S. 27	at Boise State	L	17-33
O. 11	at Utah State	W	48-21
O. 18	BYU	W	13-10
O. 25	at SDSU	L	20-25
N. 1	Colorado State	W	35-28
N. 15	at Utah	L	17-47
N. 22	New Mexico	L	3-26
N. 29	UNLV	L	24-35

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.8 ppg	76
Rushing	84.4 ypg	115
Passing	261.2 ypg	28
Total	345.6 ypg	82
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.0 ppg	83
Rushing	230.4 ypg	114
Passing	212.2 ypg	46
Total	442.6 ypg	102
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.75	15

Head Coach: Joe Glenn

2003 Record (MWC): 4-8 (2-5)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters



## Offense

The success of the UTEP offense will depend largely on the play of an offensive line that returns just two starters from last year — right tackle Robert Espinosa and left guard Jose Garcia. First-year coach Mike Price must find three new starters from a corps of smallish holdovers or a promising class of recruits.

Tailback Howard Jackson is one of the top playmakers in the WAC. He racked up 1,146 yards last year, and will be relied on as a ballcarrier and pass-catcher in 2004. Jackson underwent surgery to remove cartilage in April and missed the final three weeks of spring practice.

Price will pick between three veteran quarterbacks — junior Orlando Cruz, sophomore Jordan Palmer and senior Omar Duarte. Cruz has the strong arm, Palmer has the big body and the genes (he's 6'5" and the brother of former Heisman winner Carson Palmer), and Cruz has the efficiency — he hasn't thrown an interception in his last 106 pass attempts. A starter will be named sometime during preseason camp.

The quarterbacks will be throwing to a talented group of receivers, led by sophomore Chris Marrow, who showed good hands and speed in hauling in 34 passes for 467 yards and three scores last year.

## NUMBERS GAME

**6** Tailback Howard Jackson had six 100-yard games in 2003 and set a school record with four straight games over the century mark.

## Defense

The Miners welcome back five defensive linemen who have starting experience. Tackle Chris Mineo, who started all 13 games in 2003, emerged as a leader last year, though he missed spring drills because of a weightlifting injury.

Robert Rodriguez, an El Paso native, leads a

linebacker corps that is the deepest unit on the team. Rodriguez led the WAC with 135 tackles from his spot in the middle. He is strong and determined and poised to make his final year a good one.

The biggest concern is the secondary, which was a debacle a year ago. The Miners ranked 102nd in the nation in passing yards allowed and surrendered 547 yards in a 69-41 home loss to San Jose State. UTEP was primarily a man-to-man coverage team last year, but Price is expected to play more zone this fall.

Two junior college cornerbacks, Andre Bailey and James Delgado, will get a long look in the fall, though Price seems to be pleased with projected starters Adrian Ward and Jahmal Fenner.

## Specialists

This is one the more solid areas of the team, and the primary reason is punter Bryce Benekos, who is back after ranking second in the WAC and 13th nationally with a 44.1-yard average. Senior Keith Robinson is 81-of-83 lifetime on extra points and has made nine field goals of 40-plus yards.

## Final Analysis

UTEP gave Price a chance to get back into coaching, and Price is anxious to pay the school back by turning around the Miner program. And he wants to win immediately. It's possible, especially if he finds a way to cure his offensive line and secondary woes.

The quarterbacks all have talent and figure to benefit from Price's tutelage. The underrated Jackson is perhaps the top the tailback in the WAC. The downside is that this team is small, and, because of that, will never dominate the line of scrimmage in conference play.

It's too early to compete for a league title, but look for a much-improved Miner club to flirt with the .500 mark — and provide plenty of hope for the future.

## WAC Prediction: 7th



Howard Jackson

Scott Boehm

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	80 Chris Francies (Jr.)	84 Joe West (So.)
WR	10 Chris Marrow (So.)	35 Dirk Dillard (Sr.)
WR	21 Johnnie Lee Higgins, Jr. (So.)	23 Aaron Givens (Jr.)
LT	74 Josh House (Jr.)	78 Justin Gissendanner (So.)
LG	79 Jose Garcia (Jr.)	68 Luis Espinosa (Jr.)
C	61 Andy Smith (So.)	60 Bo Morris (Sr.)
RG	64 Ben Graniello (Sr.)	59 Alex DiMatteo (Jr.)
RT	75 Robert Espinosa (Sr.)	71 Mark Parrish (Jr.)
TE	83 Jonas Crafts (Sr.)	37 Jake Sears (Fr.)
QB	19 Omar Duarte (Sr.)	7 Jordan Palmer (So.)
TB	4 Howard Jackson (Sr.)	39 Jimmy Smith (Sr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	41 Reggie Miles Jr. (So.)	47 Alex Obomese (So.)
DT	70 Chris Mineo (Jr.)	66 Aaron Osborn (Sr.)
DT	56 Justin Hanel (So.)	63 Zach West (So.)
DE	92 Ibok Ibok (Sr.)	72 Brian Givens (Sr.)
SLB	46 J.D. Hearn (Jr.)	45 Godwin Akinduro (Sr.)
MLB	43 Robert Rodriguez (Sr.)	44 Troy Collavo (So.)
WLB	40 Thomas Howard (Jr.)	22 Jeremy Jones (So.)
CB	3 Adrian Ward (Sr.)	31 Cedric Click (Jr.)
CB	6 Jahmal Fenner (Sr.)	1 Nate Draughon (So.)
SS	25 Joe Fleskoski (So.)	18 Marshall Sanford (Jr.)
FS	28 Quintin Demps (Fr.)	26 Matt Elwood (Sr.)

### Special Teams

K	38 Keith Robinson (Sr.)	KR	4 Howard Jackson (Sr.)
P	48 Bryce Benekos (Sr.)	PR	6 Jahmal Fenner (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Orlando Cruz, 203-103-1,360-11, 6 TDs  
 Rushing: Howard Jackson, 208 car., 1,146 yds., 6 TDs  
 Receiving: Chris Marrow, 34 rec., 467 yds., 3 TDs  
 Tackles: Robert Rodriguez, 135, 70 solo  
 Sacks: Robert Rodriguez, 4  
 Interceptions: Adrian Ward, 3 for 18 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	at Arizona State	L
S. 11	Weber State	W
S. 18	Boise State	L
O. 2	<b>New Mexico State</b>	*
O. 9	at Fresno State	L
O. 16	Hawaii	L
O. 23	<b>at Louisiana Tech</b>	*
O. 30	<b>at San Jose State</b>	*
N. 13	Rice	L
N. 20	SMU	W
N. 27	at Tulsa	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Arizona	L	7-42
S. 6	Cal Poly	L	13-34
S. 13	San Diego State	L	0-34
S. 20	at Louisville	L	14-42
S. 27	Sam Houston St.	W	59-14
O. 4	at SMU	W	21-19
O. 11	Louisiana Tech	L	35-38
O. 25	at Hawaii	L	15-31
N. 1	Tulsa	L	28-56
N. 8	San Jose State	L	41-69
N. 15	at Boise State	L	21-51
N. 22	at Rice	L	14-45
N. 29	Fresno State	L	20-23

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.2 ppg	84
Rushing	169.3 ypg	42
Passing	197.7 ypg	78
Total	367.0 ypg	74
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.3 ppg	114
Rushing	190.8 ypg	91
Passing	257.5 ypg	102
Total	448.3 ypg	104
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.15	108

Head Coach: Mike Price

2003 Record (WAC): 2-11 (1-7)





## Offense

Coach Jack Bicknell must find a new starting quarterback and backup for the first time in four years. Luke McCown and Maxie Causey held down the top two spots for four consecutive seasons and now a quartet of unproven players must battle for the starting spot. None of the four — junior Matt Kubik, junior Donald Allen, redshirt freshman Zac Champion or junior Brent Rawls, an Oklahoma transfer — has attempted an official collegiate pass.

With McCown and his gaudy offensive numbers no longer in town, tailback Ryan Moats will take on more of the offensive burden. And that could be good news. He rushed for 1,300 yards as a sophomore and averaged an impressive 6.5 yards per carry.

Tech must replace its two starting receivers in D.J. Curry and Chris Norwood, but Bicknell believes he has enough talent for the Bulldogs to have a dangerous receiving corps. Seniors Erick Franklin and Tramission Davis are the leading returnees.

Bicknell believes the offensive line will be a strength, and it should be with the return of all five starters. Left guard Aaron Lips is entering his third season as a starter. The 6'5", 309-pound junior is one of the top offensive linemen in the WAC and will be a future NFL player.

### NUMBERS GAME

**73** It's no wonder the Bulldogs finished last in Division I-A in total defense after surrendering an astonishing 73 plays of 20 yards or more.

## Defense

New defensive coordinator Tim Rose has installed a new 3-4 front that will give Tech a different look. Senior Chris Van Hoy, a 6'4", 308-pounder, will occupy the all-important nose spot. Van Hoy is a two-year starter who

has showed promise in the past but is still waiting on that breakout season.

If there is a strength to a defense that finished last in the nation it is the linebackers. Jeremy Hamilton and Byron Santiago, a pair of speedy playmakers, will be turned loose on the edges. Santiago emerged as a starter midway through the season and was far and away Tech's best defensive player.

The Bulldogs return a seasoned secondary that gets a boost from the return of Corey Brazil, a two-year starter who gained another year of eligibility because as a partial qualifier he is on target to graduate in four years.

## Specialists

Kicker Josh Scobee, Tech's all-time leading scorer, is off to the NFL. Redshirt freshman Zach Myatt will be given a chance to take over, but coaches aren't convinced he is ready. True freshman Danny Horwedel will be given a close look in August as well. The punting chores will be handled by one of two true freshmen, David Black, a walk-on, or Matt Butler, a safety.

## Final Analysis

Bicknell enters his sixth season at Louisiana Tech with little room for error. After leading the Bulldogs to the WAC title in 2001, Tech struggled with back-to-back losing seasons, including a disappointing 5-7 campaign a year ago.

Bicknell had to fight to keep his job and was forced to fire co-defensive coordinator Rick Smith, whose defense ranked last in Division I-A. In this make-or-break season, Bicknell must hope that new defensive coordinator Tim Rose, known as a quick-fix artist, can work his magic on a Tech defense that surrendered 672 rushing yards to Rice in the 2003 season-finale.

The new-look defense will get tested early. After opening with Louisiana-Lafayette at home, the Bulldogs hit the road and play at Miami, at Tennessee and at Auburn. That's the type of schedule that can get a coach fired.

## WAC Prediction: 8th



Ryan Moats

Greg Pearson

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	88 Tramission Davis (Sr.)	Seneca Chambers (Jr.)
WR	22 Julius Cosby (Sr.)	82 Eric Newman (Jr.)
WR	87 Johnathan Holland (So.)	80 Jason Thomas (So.)
WR*	19 Erick Franklin (Sr.)	2 Freddie King (Jr.)
LT	68 Lester Brown (Sr.)	Tyler Miller (Fr.)
LG	64 Aaron Lips (Jr.)	50 Ira Horyna (Sr.)
C	56 Marcus Stewart (Jr.)	Jacob Peeler (Jr.)
RG	55 Jordan Lang (Sr.)	78 Marcus Lindsey (So.)
RT	72 Adrian Gonzalez (Sr.)	63 Ryan Considine (Fr.)
TE	84 Aaron Capps (Sr.)	89 Anthony James (Jr.)
QB	13 Matt Kubik (Jr.)	7 Donald Allen (Jr.)
RB	20 Ryan Moats (Jr.)	4 Danny Wilson (Sr.)

### Defense (8)

DE	99 Jemelle Cage (Sr.)	45 Travon Brown (Sr.)
NT	96 Chris Van Hoy (Sr.)	Josh Muse (Fr.)
DT	98 Moqut Ruffins (Jr.)	85 Quarvay Winbush (Jr.)
WLB	8 Jeremy Hamilton (Jr.)	Quincy Hicks (Jr.)
BLB	47 John Nash (Sr.)	Barry Robertson (Jr.)
MLB	52 T.J. Jackson (Sr.)	58 Brannon Jackson (Fr.)
SLB	42 Byron Santiago (Sr.)	49 Wendell Crowe (Jr.)
CB	24 Jerron Wishom (Sr.)	Torrance Hampton (Jr.)
CB	1 Corey Brazil (Sr.)	Hiram Eugene (Jr.)
SS	21 Michael Johnson (Sr.)	Bo Cox (Jr.)
FS	27 Lee Johnson (Sr.)	46 Ricardo Jeanlouis (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	30 Zach Myatt (Fr.)	KR	82 Eric Newman (Jr.)
P	David Black (Fr.)	PR	1 Corey Brazil (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: None  
 Rushing: Ryan Moats, 199 car., 1,300 yds., 10 TDs  
 Receiving: Ryan Moats, 27 rec., 251 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Byron Santiago, 107, 53 solo  
 Sacks: Jemelle Cage, 4  
 Interceptions: Jerron Wishom, 2 for 57 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive players reflect Louisiana Tech's multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 11	UL Lafayette	*
S. 18	at Miami	L
S. 25	at Tennessee	L
O. 2	Fresno State	L
O. 9	at Auburn	L
O. 16	at SMU	*
O. 23	UTEP	*
O. 30	Nevada	*
N. 6	at Hawaii	L
N. 13	Tulsa	L
N. 20	at Boise State	L
N. 27	at Rice	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Miami	L	9-48
S. 6	at UL Lafayette	W	34-3
S. 13	at Michigan State	W	20-19
S. 20	at Fresno State	L	6-16
O. 4	Boise State	L	37-43
O. 11	at UTEP	W	38-35
O. 18	Hawaii	L	41-44
O. 25	at Nevada	W	42-34
N. 1	at LSU	L	10-49
N. 8	SMU	W	41-6
N. 15	at Tulsa	L	18-48
N. 29	Rice	L	14-49

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.8 ppg	68
Rushing	137.8 ypg	72
Passing	293.3 ypg	11
Total	431.1 ypg	25
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.8 ppg	96
Rushing	237.7 ypg	115
Passing	272.8 ypg	108
Total	510.5 ypg	117
TD Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	86

Head Coach: Jack Bicknell III

2003 Record (WAC): 5-7 (3-5)





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## Offense

Western Michigan had plenty of success throwing the ball last season, but the run game was almost non-existent. The Broncos finished eighth nationally in passing (308.4 yards per game) but ranked 116th in rushing with a paltry 81.1 yards per game.

The good news: Coach Gary Darnell has publicly stated that there will be more of a balance this season between the pass and the run. The bad news: The majority of experience returning on offense is from the receiving corps.

The loss of Jon Drach and Chad Munson, who combined to throw 31 touchdowns and 3,622 yards in 2003, leaves a big question mark at the quarterback position. Transfer Ryan Cubit has the big-game experience, having set four freshman passing records at Rutgers. Cubit will battle junior Blayne Baggett, who has thrown just 14 passes at WMU, to guide an offense that finished eighth nationally in passing last season.

Juniors Trovon Riley and Daniel Marks will try to revive the Broncos' running game, which averaged just 2.8 yards per carry last season — and that was with Phil Reed, a 1,000-yard rusher in 2002, still around. Riley has game-breaking speed, but has been off-injured.

## NUMBERS GAME

43

The loss of Jason Babin, who was selected by Houston in the NFL Draft, will be a big blow. He accounted for 43 percent of the Broncos' sacks in 2003.

The receiving corps is paced by Greg Jennings, a junior playmaker who recorded six 100-yard games and earned the team's offensive MVP award. He'll be joined by Tyrone Walker, a speedster who averaged 18 yards per catch in 2003. In order for the running game to take off in 2004, the offensive line will need to step up,

and there is plenty of experience returning in the trenches.

## Defense

The Western Michigan defense lost its heart and soul with the departures of two-time All-America end Jason Babin and two-time team MVP Jason Feldpausch. The duo combined for 200 tackles last season. End Jack Gitler was a second-team All-MAC pick after recording seven sacks last season, but Babin is no longer around to occupy offensive linemen.

Mike Giorgianni and Paul Tithof offer stability at linebacker. The two entered last season with no Division I-A experience and emerged as solid starters. "Whatever level it takes to win in this league...I think those guys can do it," Darnell says. "We have personnel and attitude at linebacker."

The secondary should be strong with DeRae Allen and Scott Robinson, a converted safety, manning the corners. Kevin Ford, who posted 111 tackles last season, provides experience at free safety, but former walk-on Mark Hardy will have big shoes to fill replacing Feldpausch at weak safety.

## Specialists

All-MAC first-team punter Adam Anderson averaged 43.9 yards per kick, and 17 of his punts went for 50-plus yards. Robert Menchinger hit all 41 PATs he attempted in 2003 but converted just 8-of-15 field goals. Jennings and Walker will handle kickoff and punt returns.

## Final Analysis

After three years of mediocrity, this is a critical year for Darnell. Unfortunately, players like Babin and Feldpausch aren't easily replaceable. The Broncos face a formidable schedule with early road trips to Illinois and Virginia Tech. If the quarterback and running back positions aren't solidified before conference play, the Broncos could be in for a long season.

## MAC West Prediction: 4th



Tyrone Walker

## Depth Chart

## Offense (4)

WR	83 Tyrone Walker (Sr.)	2 Eugene Childs (Sr.)
WR	15 Greg Jennings (Jr.)	10 Joe Chapple (So.)
LT	79 Kyle Ras (Sr.)	76 Walter Stith (Jr.)
LG	72 Dominic Moran (So.)	77 Mike McCord (Sr.)
C	78 Robbie Krutilla (So.)	60 Joel Pfaendtner (So.)
RG	61 Mark Ottney (Jr.)	75 James Blair (Fr.)
RT	71 Brandon James (Jr.)	70 Chris Bartula (Fr.)
TE	85 Tony Scheffler (Jr.)	88 Mike Kempinski (So.)
TE	84 Tyson DeVree (So.)	47 Ross Farren (Jr.)
QB	12 Ryan Cubit (Jr.)	18 Blayne Baggett (Jr.)
RB	32 Trovon Riley (Jr.)	20 Daniel Marks (Jr.)

## Defense (7)

DE	59 Jack Gitler (Sr.)	35 Nick Melcher (Sr.)
DT	33 Erik Oleson (Sr.)	53 Joe Alvarez (Jr.)
NG	95 Paul Moersch (Jr.)	96 Greg Bryant (Sr.)
DE	90 Ernest Osborne (Sr.)	37 Anthony Belmonte (Jr.)
LB	51 Paul Tithof (So.)	42 Dan Steinau (Sr.)
LB	56 Mike Giorgianni (Sr.)	45 Josh Behrens (Jr.)
CB	30 DeRae Allen (So.)	5 Jimmie Vincent (So.)
CB	25 Scott Robinson (Sr.)	24 Chad Feldpausch (So.)
WS	29 Mark Hardy (Jr.)	27 Jon Hall (So.)
SS	31 Darrell Copeland (Fr.)	16 Shawntey Lopez (Sr.)
FS	9 Kevin Ford (Jr.)	41 Brett Stewart (So.)

## Special Teams

K	17 Robert Menchinger (Jr.)	KR	83 Tyrone Walker (Sr.)
P	39 Adam Anderson (Sr.)	PR	15 Greg Jennings (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Blayne Baggett, 8-4-79-1, 0 TDs  
 Rushing: Daniel Marks, 43 car., 200 yds., 3 TDs  
 Receiving: Greg Jennings, 56 rec., 1,050 yds., 14 TDs  
 Tackles: Kevin Ford, 111, 63 solo  
 Sacks: Jack Gitler, 7  
 Interceptions: Willie Pope, 4 for 52 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	Tennessee-Martin	W
S. 11	at Virginia Tech	L
S. 18	at Illinois	L
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>at Ball State</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 9	Toledo	L
O. 16	Eastern Michigan	W
O. 23	Northern Illinois	L
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>at Central Michigan</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 6	at Bowling Green	L
N. 13	Miami (OH)	L
N. 20	at Marshall	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Michigan State	L	21-26
S. 6	William & Mary	W	56-24
S. 13	Virginia	L	16-59
S. 27	at Ohio	W	39-32
O. 4	at E. Michigan	W	31-3
O. 11	Bowling Green	L	21-32
O. 18	at No. Illinois	L	10-37
O. 25	Marshall	L	21-41
N. 1	at Connecticut	L	27-41
N. 8	Ball State	W	28-20
N. 15	C. Michigan	W	44-21
N. 22	at Toledo	L	17-34

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.6 ppg	53
Rushing	81.1 ypg	116
Passing	308.4 ypg	8
Total	389.5 ypg	49
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.8 ppg	86
Rushing	179.7 ypg	83
Passing	245.2 ypg	87
Total	424.8 ypg	90
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	80

Head Coach: Gary Darnell

2003 Record (MAC): 5-7 (4-4)





## Offense

He's tough, talented and a legit NFL prospect. Akron quarterback Charlie Frye may be the best-kept secret in college football. Being touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate, with a chance to rewrite the MAC record book this fall, Frye is expected to step into an offensive system that will enhance his NFL stock. The holder of 49 school passing marks, Frye can't do it by himself. "We need to run the ball effectively," says new Akron coach J.D. Brookhart. "Charlie setting more records is not our goal this season. We need to control the clock and to do that we must run effectively."

Look for junior Jerell Ringer to get the bulk of the carries after averaging 7.8 yards per attempt in limited action a year ago. Fullback Dan Basch is a bruiser who has a 5.3-yard career average.

Senior wideout Morris Ellington, injured most of last season, caught 31 passes in 2002. Former defensive back Domenik Hixon will move to receiver and bring his much-needed 6'2" frame to join Ellington as a starter. Dennis Basch, younger brother of Dan, emerged from spring as the No. 1 tight end.

## NUMBERS GAME

**404** The Zips ranked 10th in the 14-team MAC in total defense, allowing an average of 404 yards per game. That must improve.

Brookhart's system calls for Frye to take deeper drops and that will put pressure on the Zips' offensive line to protect. Returning starters Aaron Conley, Tim Crouch, Mike Piccirillo, and center Jim Borrieci have plenty of game experience and understand their charge: Keep Frye off the turf.

## Defense

Desperate to get pressure on opposing passers, the Zips have moved their best defen-

sive player to end. Chase Blackburn, a second-team All-MAC linebacker last year, is listed at one end, opposite senior Dwayne LeFall, who logged 6.5 sacks a year ago.

Linebacker Diontre Earl, who packs 245 pounds on his 5'10" frame, has excellent acceleration to the ball. He'll likely start on the strong side. Special teams standout Jay Rohr will get the nod at middle linebacker. Former safety John Fuller is moving to weak-side linebacker to round out this undersized trio.

The secondary is unsettled as well. With Hixon at wide receiver, Fuller moving to linebacker and Rickey McKenzie (seven interceptions) lost to graduation, it could be a tough fall for the defensive backs. More than half of the players listed on the two-deep are freshmen or sophomores.

## Specialists

Junior Jason Swiger, a former walk-on, became the team's No. 1 placekicker. Billy Sullivan dropped 13 punts inside the opponents' 20-yard line and averaged 42.2 yards per kick.

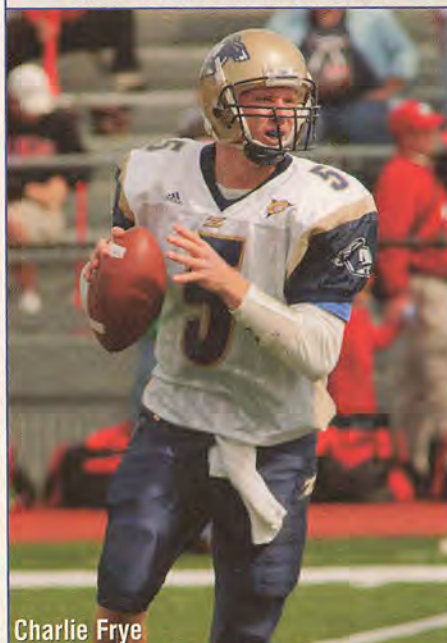
Speedster Jamie Goodwin averaged 23.1 yards per kick return. Hixon will get first crack at punt returns.

## Final Analysis

Akron athletic director Mike Thomas sent a clear message — 5-3 in the MAC isn't good enough — when he dumped Lee Owens in favor of Brookhart. A former offensive coordinator at Pittsburgh, Brookhart worked under Walt Harris and coached wideouts Larry Fitzgerald and Antonio Bryant. Scoring points shouldn't be too much of a problem. Despite some heavy personnel losses on offense, the Zips should be a capable offensive team as long as Frye remains healthy.

Defensively, however, Akron could be in trouble. This unit simply has too many questions for the Zips to contend in 2004.

## MAC East Prediction: 4th



Charlie Frye

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	23 Domenik Hixon (Jr.)	15 Jamie Goodwin (Jr.)
WR	19 Morris Ellington (Sr.)	81 Jason Montgomery (Jr.)
LT	72 Tim Crouch (So.)	75 Mike Donaldson (So.)
LG	69 Aaron Conley (Sr.)	73 Scott Kaplan (Fr.)
C	61 Jim Borrieci (Sr.)	64 Jim Holley (Fr.)
RG	62 Mike Piccirillo (Sr.)	68 Mike Schepp (Fr.)
RT	71 Mike Grzeskowiak (Sr.)	76 Justin Hein (Jr.)
TE	41 Dennis Basch (So.)	84 Kris Kasperek (Fr.)
QB	5 Charlie Frye (Sr.)	12 Jabari Arthur (Fr.)
FB	32 Dan Basch (Sr.)	39 Mark Tetzl (Sr.)
HB	40 Jerell Ringer (Jr.)	37 Jason Nedd (So.)

### Defense (6)

DE	6 Dwayne LeFall (Sr.)	91 Mike Berry (So.)
DT	57 Joe Radich (Sr.)	48 Brian White (Jr.)
DT	95 Bobby Gardner (Sr.)	51 Tim Wilkes (Jr.)
DE	44 Chase Blackburn (Sr.)	92 Doug Sutton (Sr.)
SLB	56 Diontre Earl (Jr.)	52 Bryan Howe (Fr.)
MLB	35 Jay Rohr (Jr.)	45 Cam Yeow (Sr.)
WLB	18 John Fuller (Sr.)	17 John Mackey (Fr.)
CB	20 Dione Henry (So.)	26 Yamar Dixon (Fr.)
CB	25 Steve Agyeman (Sr.)	29 Reggie Corner (Fr.)
SS	10 Chevin Pace (Fr.)	24 Jino Vital (Sr.)
FS	27 Dion Elie (Jr.)	7 Ernest Clark (So.)

### Special Teams

K	36 Jason Swiger (Jr.)	KR	15 Jamie Goodwin (Jr.)
P	14 Billy Sullivan (So.)	PR	23 Domenik Hixon (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Charlie Frye, 421-273-3,549-9, 22 TDs  
 Rushing: Jerell Ringer, 42 car., 327 yds., 3 TDs  
 Receiving: Jason Montgomery, 18 rec., 265 yds., 4 TDs  
 Tackles: Domenik Hixon, 111, 78 solo  
 Sacks: Dwayne LeFall, 6.5  
 Interceptions: 8 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Penn State	L
S. 11	Middle Tennessee	*
S. 18	at Virginia	L
S. 23	at Kent State	*
O. 2	at Northern Illinois	L
O. 9	Buffalo	W
O. 16	at UCF	L
O. 23	Ball State	W
N. 5	Marshall	L
N. 13	at Ohio	W
N. 20	Miami (OH)	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Kent State	L	38-41
S. 6	at Wisconsin	L	31-48
S. 13	E. Michigan	W	24-17
S. 20	Howard	W	65-7
S. 27	at Buffalo	W	38-21
O. 4	at Miami (OH)	L	20-45
O. 11	Cal Poly	W	45-14
O. 18	UCF	W	38-24
O. 25	at Connecticut	L	37-38
N. 1	at Marshall	L	24-42
N. 8	at C. Michigan	W	40-28
N. 15	Ohio	W	35-28

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	36.3 ppg	10
Rushing	158.9 ypg	55
Passing	311.3 ypg	7
Total	470.3 ypg	9
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.4 ppg	78
Rushing	178.3 ypg	82
Passing	225.7 ypg	68
Total	404.0 ypg	81
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.58	20

Head Coach: J.D. Brookhart

2003 Record (MAC): 7-5 (5-3)





## Offense

Last season, Louisiana-Lafayette generated two-thirds of its offense through the air. This year, the Ragin' Cajuns will try to strike a better balance, and they have just the man to lead such a charge in sophomore quarterback Jerry Babb. Babb has the athletic ability to keep a defense guessing. In leading UL Lafayette to four wins in its final five games, he completed 63 percent of his passes, averaged 46 yards rushing and accounted for 10 touchdowns. He lost his top receiver in first team All-Sun Belt selection Fred Stamps, but has two superbly talented threats returning in Bill Sampy and Kimmie Lewis.

While not particularly prolific, the Cajuns do have depth in the backfield, where Chester Johnson (421 yards) is the top returnee. However, he missed spring practice with a shoulder injury.

Three vacancies need to be filled up front, but several experienced players are ready to go, including seniors Ronnie Harvey (center) and Bryan Lloyd (right guard). Greg Hodges (left guard) returns after being granted a medical redshirt due to a season-ending injury in 2003. The line's premier talent is left tackle Brandon Cox, who started 12 games last year as a true freshman.

## NUMBERS GAME

**96.6** UL Lafayette's red zone offense had an eye-popping 96.6 percent success rate in Sun Belt Conference games.

## Defense

UL Lafayette will switch from a multiple eight-man front to a more conservative 4-3 alignment to help prevent big plays and to compensate for a decimated front. It's not entirely fair to say the line is a make-or-break unit, but prospects for a breakout season hinge greatly on its development. Travis Bass and

Eugene Kwarteng appeared in all 12 games and will man the ends. Ken Haynes started three games and will anchor the interior. He'll be joined by veteran Justin Taylor, who missed last season with an injury, and Marshall Delesdernier, a former starter on the O-line who switched sides in the spring.

The Cajuns look to be 3-deep at each linebacking slot, but Stanley Smith, the team's most experienced player, is the only returning starter. He has the middle covered with Tyler Norman and redshirt freshman Mark Risher to either side.

The secondary could be one of the Belt's best with all four starters back in the fold. Strong safety C.C. Brown, a second-team all-conference pick in '03, had 67 tackles, one less than team leader David Prater, who returns at free safety. Terryl Fenton and Jerrell Carter are returning starters at cornerback, although Carter was listed behind Michael Adams after spring drills.

## Specialists

Kicker Sean Comiskey, who coach Rickey Bustle says, "works harder than any other kicker I've been around," is back after being named first team All-Sun Belt. He's only missed two field goal attempts inside the 40 during his career. David Schexnayder and Mike Mayeaux are the leading candidates to replace punter Grant Autrey.

## Final Analysis

If Louisiana-Lafayette gets out of the gate slowly, no one associated with the Ragin' Cajuns will panic. Not after the team regrouped from last year's miserable 0-7 start by winning four of its last five to finish second in the Sun Belt Conference.

However, a similar start in 2004 won't bode well for an upper division finish, much less a run at the title. That's why it's critical for Bustle's third Ragin' Cajuns team to shore up its weaknesses — particularly along the defensive line — in a hurry.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 3rd



Jerry Babb

## Depth Chart

### Offense (5)

WR	80 Bill Sampy (Sr.)	84 Jordan Jackson (Fr.)
WR	18 Kimmie Lewis (Sr.)	19 B.J. Crist (Sr.)
LT	72 Brandon Cox (So.)	56 Will Chance (Fr.)
LG	62 Greg Hodges (Jr.)	51 Ed Fane (Sr.)
C	69 Ronnie Harvey (Sr.)	54 Chris Cutler (So.)
RG	66 Bryan Lloyd (Sr.)	75 Justin Ernest (Jr.)
RT	61 Jesse Newman (Fr.)	70 Zach Leger (Fr.)
TE	82 Tommy Briggs (Jr.)	88 Lawrence Johnson (Sr.)
QB	15 Jerry Babb (So.)	11 Luke Sniewski (Jr.)
FB	41 Travis Cones (Sr.)	32 Ross Rix (So.)
RB	25 Chester Johnson (Jr.)	24 Dwight Lindon (Sr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	90 Travis Bass (Sr.)	Kale Wildbur (Fr.)
DT	65 Marshall Delesdernier (So.)	59 Curtis Isaac (Jr.)
DT	5 Ken Haynes (Sr.)	64 Justin Taylor (Jr.)
DE	40 Eugene Kwarteng (Jr.)	91 Anthony Hills (So.)
LB	58 Mark Risher (Fr.)	Herschell Robinson (So.)
LB	4 Stanley Smith (Sr.)	43 Chris Klock (Sr.)
LB	31 Tyler Norman (Jr.)	35 James Roberts (Jr.)
CB	20 Terryl Fenton (Jr.)	27 Jemarcus Smith (Fr.)
CB	35 Michael Adams (So.)	34 Jerrell Carter (Sr.)
SS	17 C.C. Brown (Sr.)	23 Johnny Felders (So.)
FS	6 David Prater (Sr.)	13 Torres Kingsby (Fr.)

## Special Teams

K	37 Sean Comiskey (Jr.)	KR	80 Bill Sampy Sr.
P	83 David Schexnayder (Fr.)	PR	34 Jerrell Carter Jr.

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Jerry Babb, 259-146-1,502-8, 6 TDs  
**Rushing:** Chester Johnson, 108 car., 421 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Bill Sampy, 39 rec., 486 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** David Prater, 68, 31 solo  
**Sacks:** Travis Bass, 2  
**Interceptions:** Three players with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Northwestern State	W
S. 11	at Louisiana Tech	*
S. 18	at Kansas State	L
S. 25	Middle Tennessee	*
O. 2	at Florida Int'l.	W
O. 9	at New Mexico St.	*
O. 16	at Idaho	W
O. 23	Arkansas State	W
N. 6	North Texas	L
N. 13	Troy State	*
N. 20	at UL Monroe	W

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at South Carolina	L	7-14
S. 6	Louisiana Tech	L	3-34
S. 13	Houston	L	14-21
S. 20	at Minnesota	L	14-48
S. 27	at North Texas	L	23-44
O. 4	at Oklahoma State	L	3-56
O. 11	UL Monroe	L	42-45
O. 16	New Mexico State	W	26-24
O. 25	Idaho	W	31-20
N. 1	at Southern Miss	L	3-48
N. 8	Florida Int'l.	W	43-10
N. 15	at Middle Tenn.	W	57-51

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.2 ppg	83
Rushing	116.5 ypg	98
Passing	219.0 ypg	57
Total	335.5 ypg	91
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.6 ppg	102
Rushing	215.8 ypg	107
Passing	223.2 ypg	64
Total	439.0 ypg	100
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.42	30

Head Coach: Rickey Bustle

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 4-8 (4-3)





## Offense

After a two-year stint as quarterbacks coach of the Washington Redskins, new East Carolina offensive coordinator Noah Brindise will put some of former boss Steve Spurrier's "fun 'n' gun" in the Pirates' attack.

Reducing turnovers will be Brindise's first order of business. The Pirates had three times as many interceptions (18) as touchdown passes (six) last season and finished minus-12 in turnover margin.

East Carolina will start a new quarterback, sophomore James Pinkney, in a system that will involve at least seven personnel groupings and 25 formations. The intent is to establish a power running game and a vertical passing dimension.

"Florida's offense was always the most difficult to prepare for," says ECU's defensive-minded head coach John Thompson.

The offense boasts some weapons. Tailbacks Art Brown and Marvin Townes both have 1,000-yard seasons on their résumés, and speedy receiver Damarcus Fox has big-play potential. The development of the offensive line, which has a new coach, Robert McFarland, and four new starters, will be essential for Brindise's system to be effective.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3** The Pirates have produced three straight 1,000-yard rushers. Leonard Henry ran for 1,432 yards in 2001, Art Brown ran for 1,029 yards in 2002 and Marvin Townes ran for 1,128 yards in 2003.

## Defense

Although the Pirates yielded 35.7 points per game last season, Thompson concluded that a talent deficit and not a new system was the reason. That's why ECU loaded up on defensive players in its 2004 recruiting class. Safety Zach Baker, a junior college transfer, should help

shore up a secondary that allowed 26 touchdowns while intercepting just five passes.

Some position changes should make the Pirates quicker up front, and a better pass rush could solve some coverage problems. Junior Chris Moore is a solid inside linebacker who will likely lead the team in tackles if he can stay healthy for an entire season for the first time.

Thompson expects his defense to play faster, a function of familiarity with the scheme that coordinator Jerry Odom brought in last year from Florida. To play better, the Pirates must be more consistent and give up fewer big plays. Opposing offenses had 24 touchdown plays of 25 or more yards in 2003.

## Specialists

Kicker Cameron Broadwell has worked on his range and consistency after hitting 12-of-18 field goals in 2003. Sophomore punter Ryan Dougherty can not only boom spirals, as a 44.5-yard average will attest, but he also has the athleticism to keep return teams honest. Dougherty ran for a touchdown and completed a pass last season.

## Final Analysis

The Pirates appeared to sprint through the learning curve of Brindise's new offense in spring practice, and there may have been a beneficial attitude adjustment as well. "It's been fun seeing the light bulbs come on," Brindise says. "Instead of thinking in terms of avoiding mistakes, guys are starting to think about making plays."

After a trying year of transition, the program appears ready to stabilize and possibly initiate a U-turn. "Our methods are in place and our systems are in place," Thompson says. "The foundation is there and we're ready to build. As long as we don't turn the ball over, we're going to be a good football team."

Still, upgrading the overall talent level through recruiting is expected to take some more time.

## C-USA Prediction: 9th



Marvin Townes

## Depth Chart

### Offense (3)

WR	17 Damarcus Fox (Sr.)	87 Brian Howard (So.)
WR	80 Kevin Roach (So.)	12 Edwin Rios (Sr.)
LT	78 Eric Graham (So.)	73 Thomas Wingenbach (So.)
LG	76 Charlie Dempsey (Sr.)	60 Trey Magee (Jr.)
C	63 Hagen Mason (Sr.)	67 Hunter Wood (Jr.)
RG	64 Gary Freeman (Jr.)	79 Virgil Black (Fr.)
RT	92 James Myrick (Jr.)	73 Joel Renaud (Jr.)
TE	85 Shawn Levesque (Jr.)	87 Josh Coffman (So.)
QB	7 James Pinkney (So.)	2 Desmond Robinson (Sr.)
FB	44 Jermarcus Veal (Jr.)	85 Kort Shankweiler (So.)
TB	33 Art Brown (Sr.)	1 Marvin Townes

### Defense (6)

DE	98 Shauntae Hunt (Jr.)	52 Sammie Walden (Jr.)
NG	59 Dontre Brown (So.)	58 Lance Neisz (So.)
DT	90 Guy Whimper (Jr.)	57 Wendell Chavis (Fr.)
BAN	34 Richard Koonce (Jr.)	30 Jason Pender (Jr.)
SLB	94 Ike Emodi (Sr.)	43 Josh Chilsom (Jr.)
MLB	40 Chris Moore (Jr.)	50 Eric Butler (Sr.)
WLB	42 Dashaun Stephens (Jr.)	8 Pierre Parker
CB	25 Erode Jean (So.)	22 Markeith McQueen (Jr.)
CB	21 Donald Whitehead (Sr.)	32 Bernard Sintim (So.)
ROV	26 Kyle Chase (So.)	28 Mickey McCoy (Jr.)
FS	9 Zach Baker (Jr.)	28 Kasey Ross (So.)

## Special Teams

K	15 Cameron Broadwell (Sr.)	KR	23 Robert Tillman (So.)
P	10 Ryan Dougherty (So.)	PR	17 Damarcus Fox (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Desmond Robinson, 201-133-1,262-11, 3 TDs

Rushing: Marvin Townes, 258 car., 1,128 yds., 8 TDs

Receiving: Marvin Townes, 23 rec., 176 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Chris Moore, 148, 100 solo

Sacks: Ike Emodi, 4

Interceptions: Erode Jean, 2 for 53 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at West Virginia	L
S. 11	Wake Forest	L
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 2	at Louisville	L
<b>O. 9</b>	<b>Tulane</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 23	at Southern Miss	L
O. 30	Army	W
N. 6	at Houston	L
N. 13	at South Florida	L
N. 20	Memphis	L
N. 27	#NC State	L
	#Charlotte, NC	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

S. 1	at Cincinnati	L	3-40
S. 6	West Virginia	L	7-48
S. 13	at Miami	L	3-38
S. 20	at Wake Forest	L	16-34
S. 30	Houston	L	13-27
O. 11	North Carolina	L	17-28
O. 18	at Army	W	38-32
O. 25	Louisville	L	20-36
N. 1	at Memphis	L	24-41
N. 8	South Florida (2ot)	L	37-38
N. 22	at Tulane	L	18-28
N. 29	Southern Miss	L	21-38

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.1 ppg	104
Rushing	138.3 ypg	71
Passing	172.9 ypg	97
Total	311.3 ypg	104
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.7 ppg	105
Rushing	209.9 ypg	105
Passing	199.7 ypg	31
Total	409.6 ypg	84
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-12	-1.00	106

Head Coach: John Thompson

2003 Record (C-USA): 1-11 (1-7)





## Offense

Several players on Troy State's offense have credentials — but they have casts and braces and scars as well. Three key players are on the mend, including DeWhitt Betterton, who rushed for 1,161 yards last season. Betterton, who needs only 771 yards to become Troy's all-time leading rusher, missed spring practice while recovering from back surgery. He's expected to be ready by August, but his backup, walk-on Joel Whinghter, went down with a shoulder injury and is likely out for the season.

Last year's youthful but error-prone receiving corps now is an experienced unit that is anxious to move from the "liability" to "asset" category. Jason Samples started all 12 games and was the team's leading receiver a year ago but was limited to two practices this spring while recovering from hernia surgery.

Four starting offensive linemen return, but center James Gardner missed spring drills with a broken leg. Last year's starter at center, Lee Milliner, shifts to right guard. The entire left side returns with guard Junior Louissaint and tackle Henry Tellis.

Quarterback Aaron Leak led Troy State to a 6-4 record as a starter over the final 10 games. By the way, he's healthy.

## NUMBERS GAME

**.793** Quarterback Aaron Leak and running back DeWhitt Betterton combined for nearly 80 percent of Troy State's total offense in 2003.

## Defense

Nine starters return on defense, but the infantry treated three projected starters — tackle Eric Thomas (shoulder), middle linebacker Levene Johnson (broken arm) and cornerback Freeman White (knee strain). All three missed spring practice but are expected back in the fall. Thomas will likely move to nosetackle to make

room for Georgia Tech transfer Alfred Malone. Ends Demarcus Ware and Cedric Sullivan are proven pass rushers.

Enemy ballcarriers will encounter what many consider to be Troy State's most dynamic trio of linebackers ever. Bernard Davis and Robby Farmer will flank Johnson in the middle. Davis should be one of the Sun Belt's most athletic defensive players.

Three starters, including leading tackler Derrick Ansley, return to a secondary that helped the Trojans rank 40th in the nation in pass efficiency defense. Ansley, who had nine interceptions, could contend for all-conference honors at free safety. There's experience on the corners with Johnny Faulk and White, but redshirt freshman Clint Coe replaces Rayshun Reed at strong safety.

## Specialists

Thomas Olmsted is a big-time punter and an erratic kicker. He'll hold down both jobs. Olmsted ranked 34th nationally in punting average and dropped 20 punts inside the 20. He has distance as a placekicker but has struggled with his accuracy. He's slated to handle field goal attempts longer than 30 yards, while redshirt freshman Greg Whibbs could get the call on PATs and field goals inside 30 yards. Toris Rutledge will open as the lead return man.

## Final Analysis

This is no way to begin play in the Sun Belt Conference. Troy State, entering just its fourth season at the Division I-A level, has 17 returning starters, but seven missed all or most of spring drills due to injuries. Several others on the 2-deep were in the same condition.

Coach Larry Blakeney's Trojans are catching no breaks in the scheduling department either. Still, there is enough primetime talent and experience on hand for Troy State to make life difficult for its Sun Belt brethren — provided the Trojans' key players are on the field and not in the training room.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 4th



Demarcus Ware

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

SE	5 Jason Samples (Sr.)	2 Bryant Stewart (Sr.)
FL	87 Eugene Hampton (So.)	4 Toris Rutledge (Jr.)
LT	60 Henry Tellis (Sr.)	53 Kenny Griffin (So.)
LG	79 Junior Louissaint (Sr.)	69 Tyler Crumpler (Fr.)
C	72 James Gardner (So.)	63 Zach Yenser (So.)
RG	59 Lee Milliner (Sr.)	70 Donnie Bostian (Sr.)
RT	73 James Edwards (Jr.)	75 Dallas Sikes (Fr.)
TE	44 Jordan Lesley (Sr.)	46 Joe Munson (Sr.)
QB	7 Aaron Leak (Sr.)	14 Carl Meadows (So.)
FB	33 Sean Dawkins (Fr.)	39 Trayeon Smith (Jr.)
TB	9 DeWhitt Betterton (Sr.)	19 Jermaine Richardson (Sr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	94 Demarcus Ware (Sr.)	54 Larry Brown (Jr.)
NT	78 Eric Thomas (Sr.)	91 Torre Lankford (Jr.)
DT	96 Alfred Malone (Sr.)	90 David Tramble (Jr.)
DE	99 Cedric Sullivan (Sr.)	92 Jamaal Holt (Sr.)
WLB	27 Bernard Davis (Jr.)	32 Arthur Adams (Sr.)
MLB	30 Levene Johnson (Jr.)	11 Torrence Smith (So.)
SLB	42 Robby Farmer (Sr.)	41 Ronald Harper (Sr.)
CB	8 Johnny Faulk (Jr.)	34 Jermaine Miller (Jr.)
CB	24 Freeman White (Sr.)	3 Adrian Ghent (Jr.)
SS	25 Clint Coe (Fr.)	26 Sherrod Martin (Fr.)
FS	10 Derrick Ansley (Sr.)	36 Marcus Richardson (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	20 Thomas Olmsted (Jr.)	KR	4 Toris Rutledge (Jr.)
P	20 Thomas Olmsted (Jr.)	PR	4 Toris Rutledge (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Aaron Leak, 259-110-1,427-12, 7 TDs  
**Rushing:** DeWhitt Betterton, 244 car., 1,161 yds., 9 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jason Samples, 48 rec., 620 yds., 5 TDs  
**Tackles:** Derrick Ansley, 94, 53 solo  
**Sacks:** Demarcus Ware, 6  
**Interceptions:** Derrick Ansley, 9 for 74 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** Indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Marshall	L
S. 11	Missouri	L
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>at New Mexico St.</b>	*
S. 25	at South Carolina	L
O. 2	Utah State	W
<b>O. 16</b>	<b>at Arkansas State</b>	*
O. 23	at LSU	L
O. 30	Idaho	W
N. 6	Florida Atlantic	W
<b>N. 13</b>	<b>at UL Lafayette</b>	*
<b>N. 20</b>	<b>Middle Tennessee</b>	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Kansas State	L	5-41
S. 6	at Minnesota	L	7-48
S. 13	at UAB	W	20-9
S. 20	SE Louisiana	W	28-0
S. 27	Marshall	W	33-24
O. 4	at Nebraska	L	0-30
O. 18	Florida Int'l.	W	21-10
O. 25	at Virginia	L	0-24
N. 1	at North Texas	L	0-21
N. 8	at Middle Tenn.	L	20-27
N. 15	at Utah State	W	23-14
N. 22	UL Monroe	W	28-24

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.4 ppg	112
Rushing	154.6 ypg	60
Passing	139.3 ypg	111
Total	293.9 ypg	111
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.7 ppg	42
Rushing	125.5 ypg	28
Passing	224.2 ypg	65
Total	349.7 ypg	39
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.33	41

Head Coach: Larry Blakeney

2003 Record: 6-6



## Offense

The Sun Belt's highest-scoring offense in 2003 will sport a rebuilt offensive line and a new quarterback in 2004. But they will all play a supporting role to standout receiver Kerry Wright, a first team all-conference selection whose 1,280 yards established a Sun Belt record and accounted for nearly a third of the Blue Raiders' total offense.

Who the quarterback will be is anybody's guess. Josh Harris and Clint Marks battled for the job during the spring with Marks getting the bulk of the reps in the spring game. However, the competition will probably continue well into the fall. The line is the offense's most inexperienced unit. Three-year starter Julius Gant is back at left tackle with Germayle Franklin, a starter in 10 games as a freshman, returning at right guard. Willie Hall saw his playing time increase as the year went on and has earned the starting job at right tackle.

Rushing accounted for less than 40 percent of the Blue Raiders' offense in 2003, and it's not likely to go any higher this year. Returning starter Eugene Gross (735 yards) was fifth in the conference in rushing as a redshirt freshman a year ago.

## NUMBERS GAME

**90** Middle Tennessee's "Blue" Zone defense was the worst in the Sun Belt as opponents converted 90 percent (45-of-50) of their opportunities in 2003.

## Defense

Five starters and 17 lettermen return to a defense that is deep up front, strong in the middle and thin in the back. Returning starters Thomas Johnson (tackle) and Jeff Littlejohn (noseguard) lead a line that coach Andy McCollum considers his best ever at Middle Tennessee. Littlejohn is also a little heavy. If he can shed about 15 pounds, he could become a

dominant player. Big years are anticipated from ends Bobby Payne and Devarick Scandrett.

Talent and experience will be the hallmarks of a linebacking crew that features returning starters Jonathan Bonner (weak side) and Dennis Burke (strong side). Bonner is the team's top returning tackler and Burke is a certified playmaker. Alvin Fite, a key reserve last year, moves up to a starting role in the middle.

In terms of experience, the secondary is the mirror opposite of the other two units. Left corner Danny Tolbert is the lone returning starter. On the right side, Shawn Allen has size but little experience. Kevin Copeland and Jonathan Harris began the spring as the first-string safeties, but they will have to earn the starting jobs in the fall.

## Specialists

The Blue Raiders must replace two all-conference specialists in placekicker Brian Kelly and punter Robert Billings. Paul Wheeler, who has handled kickoffs the last two seasons, and Colby Smith will battle for the placekicking job. Smith inherits the punting job and will make a bid for double duty.

## Final Analysis

Losing ground to the UL Lafayettes of the world is not where the Middle Tennessee program expected to be after forging a first-place tie with North Texas in 2001, the Sun Belt's inaugural season. But that's where McCollum's Blue Raiders find themselves heading into the 2004 season.

Middle is coming off back-to-back 4-8 campaigns, and an overtime loss to the aforementioned Cajuns cost it an outright second-place finish a year ago. Wide receiver Wright could be one of the nation's best, but to keep from sliding further back in the pack, Middle must find balance in the offense, settle on a new quarterback, and rebuild the O-line and secondary.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 5th



Kerry Wright

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	1 Kerry Wright (Sr.)	3 Chris Henry (Jr.)
WR	82 Jerin Holt (Jr.)	11 Pedro Holiday (Sr.)
LT	67 Julius Gant (Sr.)	55 Christopher Sapp (So.)
LG	76 Shavaskey Brown (Jr.)	61 Cade Becher (Jr.)
C	64 Ryan Hornsby (Fr.)	72 Kyle Turnbow (Jr.)
RG	73 Germayle Franklin (So.)	69 Brett Trott (Jr.)
RT	60 Willie Hall (So.)	50 Paul Cantrell (So.)
TE	80 Clint Corder (So.)	24 LaRue Beck (Jr.)
QB	16 Josh Harris (Jr.)	17 Clint Marks (So.)
FB	31 Nick McAfee (Sr.)	48 Ralph Gunter (Fr.)
TB	25 Eugene Gross (So.)	27 Kelvin German (Jr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	96 Bobby Payne (So.)	57 Marcus Gates (So.)
NG	92 Jeff Littlejohn (Jr.)	91 Quinton Staton (Jr.)
DT	93 Thomas Johnson (Sr.)	97 Jerry Vanderpool (Sr.)
DE	94 Devarick Scandrett (Jr.)	95 Jonathan Callahan (Jr.)
SLB	40 Dennis Burke (Jr.)	29 Darren Mustin (So.)
MLB	23 Alvin Fite (Sr.)	52 Leon Cesar (Jr.)
WLB	33 Jonathan Bonner (Jr.)	41 Marcel Horne (So.)
CB	2 Danny Tolbert (Sr.)	28 Ralph King (So.)
CB	18 Shawn Allen (Jr.)	21 DeMarcus Green (Jr.)
S	7 Kevin Copeland (So.)	22 DeMarco McNair (Fr.)
S	8 Jonathan Harris (So.)	30 Jeremiah Weaver (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	49 Paul Wheeler (Jr.)	KR	25 Eugene Gross (So.)
P	46 Colby Smith (So.)	PR	1 Kerry Wright (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Clint Marks, 63-41-593-3, 7 TDs  
 Rushing: Eugene Gross, 189 car., 735 yds., 10 TDs  
 Receiving: Kerry Wright, 73 rec., 1,280 yds., 9 TDs  
 Tackles: Jonathan Bonner, 74, 46 solo  
 Sacks: Devarick Scandrett, 4  
 Interceptions: Kevin Copeland, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Florida	L
S. 11	at Akron	*
S. 18	Florida Atlantic	W
S. 25	at UL Lafayette	*
O. 2	at North Texas	L
O. 9	Arkansas State	*
O. 23	Idaho	W
O. 30	Utah State	W
N. 6	at New Mexico State	L
N. 13	UL Monroe	W
N. 20	at Troy State	*

\* Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Florida Atlantic	L	19-20
S. 6	at Georgia	L	10-29
S. 13	at Clemson	L	14-37
S. 20	at Missouri (ot)	L	40-41
O. 4	Temple	L	36-44
O. 11	New Mexico St.	W	35-18
O. 18	at Idaho	(ot) W	28-21
O. 25	North Texas	L	28-33
N. 1	at Utah State	L	20-41
N. 8	Troy State	W	27-20
N. 15	UL Lafayette (4ot)	L	51-57
N. 20	at Arkansas St.	W	24-14

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.7 ppg	52
Rushing	144.6 ypg	68
Passing	226.7 ypg	49
Total	371.3 ypg	68
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.3 ppg	90
Rushing	170.9 ypg	77
Passing	254.4 ypg	96
Total	425.3 ypg	91
TD Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.17	51

Head Coach: Andy McCollum

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 4-8 (4-3)





## Offense

The quarterback job is up for grabs heading into fall camp. Redshirt sophomore Nick Cannon was the heir apparent but did not claim the spot during spring drills. Lester Ricard, who transferred to Tulane from LSU before the start of last season, and redshirt freshman Richard Irvin join Cannon in the race. Of the three, Cannon is the only one who gained some experience last season, although it wasn't much. He played in four games and was 2-for-2 for 16 yards passing.

Coach Chris Scelfo may have to go with more than one quarterback early in the season.

"It may not be decided until early fall, but I'm not opposed to going into the season rolling the quarterbacks until one establishes himself," Scelfo says.

The uncertainty at quarterback could lead to some underutilized wide receivers. The Wave's top offensive threat is Roydell Williams, a 6'2" senior who caught 66 passes for 1,006 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

While the Wave is stacked at receiver, it has only two quality backs — power runner Jovon Jackson, a 5'11", 210-pound junior, and freshman speedster Ray Boudreaux (5'10", 195).

## NUMBERS GAME

**116** Tulane ranked 116th in the nation (next to last) in rushing defense last season. The Wave allowed an average of 243.7 yards on the ground.

Just how successful the Wave's offense is will hinge on two things — the effectiveness of a line that has experience but lacks depth, and how quickly the team can develop a quarterback who can handle the heat and not make mistakes.

## Defense

The defensive line was a weak point a year ago, and things don't figure to get much better

this fall. Tulane needs tackle Bamm Mateen and end Michael Roberts to remain healthy and provide some leadership. Taurean Brown, an imposing 6'6" sophomore tackle, could emerge as a run stopper in the middle.

Anthony Cannon will lead a young group of linebackers. Cannon, a 6'0" junior, has recorded more than 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons. Cannon will be joined by sophomore Kelvin Johnson in the middle and junior Antonio Mason on the strong side. Wesley Heath, a starter in 2002, is back from a high ankle sprain to provide experienced depth.

The defensive backfield, led by senior free safety Joey Dawson, has a group of proven veterans. "This could be the strongest part of our team," Scelfo says. "(Safety) Joey Dawson staying healthy will be critical for us."

## Specialists

Sophomore punter Chris Beckman ranked second in Conference USA with a 43.5-yard average. The Wave is waiting for placekicker Barrett Pepper to live up to expectations. Pepper made 40-of-43 PATs as a freshman but was just 3-of-7 on field goals.

## Final Analysis

The Green Wave pulled out of a five-game tailspin and ended the season by winning two of its last three games. Carrying that momentum into the 2004 season will not be easy.

The Wave has to replace the school's all-time rushing leader, Melwede Moore, and two-year starting quarterback J.P. Losman. The focus of this team may shift from a high-scoring offense to one that is more conservative and relies on its defense to come up with big stops and big plays.

A bowl team just two years ago, Tulane has slipped to the bottom of Conference USA. The presence of Army means a last-place finish isn't likely, but Tulane will struggle to win more than a couple of league games.

## C-USA Prediction: 10th



Roydell Williams

Steve Moore

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR 80 Chris Bush (Sr.)	89 Kenneth Guidroz (Fr.)
WR 1 Tristan Smith (Sr.)	13 Fred Smith (So.)
WR* 9 Roydell Williams (Sr.)	17 Bubba Terranova (Jr.)
LT 68 Chris McGee (Jr.)	79 Robert Hand (So.)
LG 72 Matt Traina (Jr.)	73 Joe Mitchell (Sr.)
C 55 Joe Traina (Jr.)	51 Aryan Barto (Fr.)
RG 66 Donald Madlock (Jr.)	75 Mark Burgess (So.)
RT 76 Jimmy Kosienski (Sr.)	64 Derek Rogers (So.)
TE 88 Bobby Hoover (Jr.)	87 Jerome Landry (Jr.)
QB 6 Nick Cannon (So.)	7 Richard Irvin (Fr.)
FB 43 Adam Wood (Jr.)	40 Ian Miller (So.)
RB 28 Jovon Jackson (Jr.)	22 Ray Boudreaux (Fr.)

### Defense (8)

DE 95 Michael Roberts (Jr.)	91 Craig Morris (So.)
DT 96 Tremell Jack (So.)	94 Justin Wade (Fr.)
DT 99 Bamm Mateen (Jr.)	93 Taurean Brown (So.)
DE 42 Billy Harrison (So.)	54 Taylor Bertin (So.)
SLB 39 Antonio Mason (Jr.)	41 Wesley Heath (Sr.)
MLB 33 Kelvin Johnson (So.)	46 Blake Baker (Sr.)
WLB 11 Anthony Cannon (Jr.)	36 Patrick Benford (So.)
CB 31 Sean Lucas (Jr.)	14 Carlis Jackson (Fr.)
CB 20 Bruce Youmans (Jr.)	4 Israel Route (So.)
SS 2 Tra Boger (Sr.)	5 Brandon Spincer (Jr.)
FS 27 Joey Dawson (Sr.)	30 Darren Sapp (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K 29 Barrett Pepper (So.)	KR 13 Fred Smith (So.)
P 45 Chris Beckman (So.)	PR 13 Fred Smith (So.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Nick Cannon, 2-2-16-0, 1 TD

Rushing: Jovon Jackson, 82 car., 377 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Roydell Williams, 66 rec., 1,006 yds., 9 TDs

Tackles: Tra Boger, 133, 74 solo

Sacks: Billy Harrison, 3

Interceptions: Sean Lucas, 5 for 51 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
\*The 12 offensive players reflect Tulane's multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4 at Mississippi State	L
S. 11 Florida A&M	W
S. 18 Louisville	L
S. 25 Southern Miss	L
<b>O. 9 at East Carolina</b>	*
O. 16 at Memphis	L
O. 23 UAB	L
O. 30 at Houston	L
N. 6 Navy	L
<b>N. 13 Army</b>	*
N. 27 at TCU	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

S. 1 TCU	L 35-38
S. 6 Northwestern St.	W 27-24
S. 13 Miss. State	W 31-28
S. 20 at Army	W 50-33
S. 27 at Texas	L 18-63
O. 11 Houston	L 42-45
O. 17 at Louisville	L 28-47
O. 25 Memphis	L 9-41
N. 1 at Navy	L 17-35
N. 8 at UAB	W 38-24
N. 15 at So. Miss	L 14-28
N. 22 East Carolina	W 28-18

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.1 ppg	45
Rushing	132.4 ypg	78
Passing	257.8 ypg	30
Total	390.2 ypg	47
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.3 ppg	104
Rushing	243.7 ypg	116
Passing	220.9 ypg	59
Total	464.6 ypg	112
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.42	30

Head Coach: Chris Scelfo

2003 Record (C-USA): 5-7 (3-5)



# TEMPLE

OWLS



## Offense

A full season from multi-threat quarterback Walter Washington will help the Owls immensely. He started the last four games of the 2004 season, and although he averaged 315 yards of total offense over the final three games, head coach Bobby Wallace says, "I don't think we've seen the best of Walter Washington yet, and what we've seen is pretty good."

"The thing about Walter, even when he keeps it and he shouldn't have, nine times out of ten, he makes the person miss him anyway."

Temple didn't receive satisfactory production from its tailbacks, so the Owls signed Tim Brown, a junior college star who got strong looks from some Top 25 programs. And the Owls think wide receiver Phil Goodman is ready for a breakout year.

The X factor then should be the offensive line. "I know we're going to have our biggest, most athletic offensive line since I've been here," Wallace says. "With depth — for the first time. We have seven, eight, nine guys who all can play at this level."

### NUMBERS GAME

**315** Quarterback Walter Washington averaged 315 yards of total offense over Temple's last three games. Not bad, considering the opponents were Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

## Defense

Defense has been the strength of the Temple program in recent years, but this unit fell hard after being hit by graduation and injuries. After allowing just 108.3 rushing yards per game in '02, the Owls gave up 202.8 yards per game last season. "We weren't very good against the run or the pass," Wallace says.

The coach thinks this unit will rebound, led by a more mature secondary. Cornerback Pete McBride recorded one interception in each of

the Owls' final four games. "That's a position, where if you're inexperienced, you're very cautious," Wallace says.

The star of the defense is junior linebacker Rian "Goo" Wallace, who made 148 tackles in 2003, good for sixth nationally. He is the top returning tackler in the Big East.

"He makes plays all over the field," Wallace says. "Size, speed — he's got all those qualities. The next step is to be the leader of the defense. We've talked about that, how when you're that good a player, you need to lead."

Look for dramatic improvement from nose-tackle Antwon Burton, who lost almost 50 pounds. "Besides Danny Klecko (now with the Patriots), he looks as good as any defensive lineman since I've been here," Wallace said.

## Specialists

Junior college All-American Ryan Lux was brought in to improve the Owls' woeful place-kicking situation. The competition at punter is between another junior college signee, Jake Hendy, and junior Mike McLaughlin, who averaged 39.9 yards per punt last season.

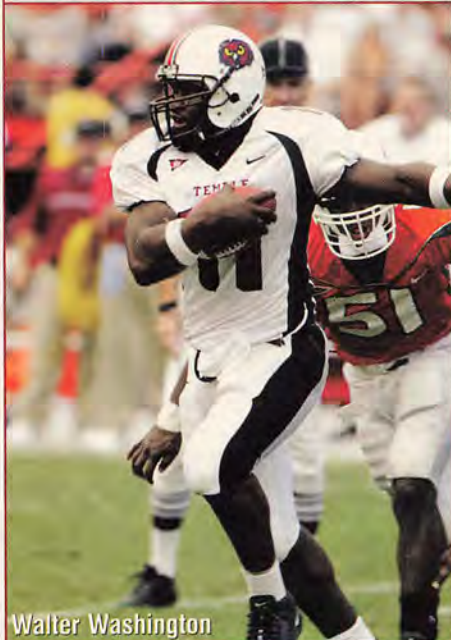
Jamil Porter and Lawrence Wade return as solid kick returners. Temple has to replace Zamir Cobb, a first-team All-Big East wide receiver, as a punt returner.

## Final Analysis

Temple has the ability to be an improved offensive team. Washington must continue his growth as a multi-threat quarterback, and Brown needs to be a difference-maker in the backfield. But none of this will mean much unless Temple's defense — especially the run defense — returns to being a strength instead of a weakness. The kicking game also needs to be solid since Temple simply can't afford to lose the close ones.

But even if everything comes together — and that's a big if — it will be very difficult for Temple to finish anywhere but last in its final season in the Big East.

## Big East Prediction: 7th



Walter Washington

Larry Kinkor

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	1 Phil Goodman (Sr.)	12 Andre Mixon-Toland (Jr.)
WR	9 Ikey Chuku (Sr.)	3 Mike Holley (Jr.)
WR	14 Buchie Ibeh (Sr.)	82 Scott Pristas (Sr.)
WR*	10 Jamel Harris (So.)	3 Mike Holley (Jr.)
LT	78 John Gross (Jr.)	55 Tariq Sanders (So.)
LG	66 Stephen Bell (Jr.)	67 Yohance Perry (Jr.)
C	50 C.J. Blomvall (Sr.)	63 Frank McAndrew (Sr.)
RG	56 Chris Harris (Sr.)	72 Stan Primus (Jr.)
RT	70 Elliott Seifert (So.)	76 Larry Bonczar (So.)
TE	15 Collin Hannigan (Sr.)	46 Christian Dunbar (Sr.)
QB	11 Walter Washington (Jr.)	16 Mike McGann (Sr.)
RB	6 Tim Brown (Jr.)	34 Umar Ferguson (Jr.)

### Defense (7)

DE	45 Mike Mendenhall (Jr.)	52 John Adams (Sr.)
NT	99 Antwon Burton (Sr.)	79 Dwavon Battle (Fr.)
DT	58 Adam Fichter (Jr.)	84 Eric Carpenter (Sr.)
DE	89 Rodney Wormley (Jr.)	90 Jason Johnson (Jr.)
SLB	44 Troy Bennett (Sr.)	25 Ryan Gore (So.)
WLB	17 Rian Wallace (Jr.)	32 Mark Miller (Sr.)
CB	2 Pete McBride (Sr.)	21 Jonathan McPhee (Jr.)
CB	20 Ray Lamb (Sr.)	24 Jermaine Hargraves (Jr.)
OS	35 Sadeke Konte (Sr.)	33 Justin Johnson (Jr.)
SS	28 Lawrence Wade (Sr.)	7 Joel Gray (Sr.)
FS	23 Durrell Davis (So.)	8 Matt Douglas (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	13 Ryan Lux (Jr.)	KR	5 Jamil Porter (Sr.)
P	37 Mike McLaughlin (Jr.)	PR	3 Mike Holley (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Mike McGann, 235-123-1,405-6, 5 TDs

Rushing: Walter Washington, 156 car., 579 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Phil Goodman, 47 rec., 678 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Rian Wallace, 148, 97 solo

Sacks: Lawrence Wade, 2

Interceptions: Pete McBride, 4 for 30 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
\*The 12 offensive players reflect Temple's multiple formations.

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Virginia	L
S. 11	at Maryland	L
S. 18	Florida A&M	W
S. 25	at Toledo	L
O. 2	Bowling Green	L
O. 9	Pittsburgh	L
O. 16	at Rutgers	L
O. 23	at Connecticut	L
N. 6	at West Virginia	L
N. 13	Syracuse	L
N. 20	Boston College	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Penn State	L	10-23
S. 6	Villanova (2ot)	L	20-23
S. 20	at Cincinnati (3ot)	L	24-30
S. 27	at Louisville	L	12-21
O. 4	at Middle Tenn.	W	44-36
O. 11	Boston College	L	13-38
O. 18	at Miami	L	14-52
O. 25	Rutgers	L	14-30
N. 8	at Syracuse	L	17-41
N. 15	Virginia Tech (ot)	L	23-24
N. 22	Pittsburgh	L	16-30
N. 29	at West Virginia	L	28-45

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.6 ppg	97
Rushing	119.9 ypg	92
Passing	224.8 ypg	50
Total	344.7 ypg	84
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.8 ypg	95
Rushing	202.8 ypg	101
Passing	227.0 ypg	70
Total	429.8 ypg	95
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.42	30

Head Coach: Bobby Wallace

2003 Record (Big East): 1-11 (0-7)





## Offense

New CMU coach Brian Kelly believes in the spread offense. And for good reason. He's won back-to-back Division II championships running the spread at Grand Valley State. Now Kelly must find a quarterback who can run it at Central Michigan. A decision on who will lead the Chippewas' offense won't come until August. Jeff Perry, who injured his knee after starting the first four games in 2003, has decided not to return for a fifth season, which means Kelly will have to rely on redshirt freshman Nick Gildersleeve, senior Grant Arnoldink or junior Kent Smith.

Fortunately, running back is a little more solidified for CMU. Sophomore Jerry Seymour earned Freshman All-America honors after rushing for 1,117 yards and eight touchdowns in just nine games.

Someone will need to step up to offer Justin Harper some help at receiver. Harper caught 45 passes for 441 yards and two TDs in 2003. Scott Gibson, Damien Linson and Jacob Brown will offer depth, but the trio combined for just 28 receptions last season. Tight end Tory Humphrey will offer a solid receiving outlet for CMU. He caught 14 balls last year.

CMU is solid in the trenches. Adam Kieft offers experience and credentials. The left tackle took home second-team all-conference accolades last year.

## NUMBERS GAME

**10** Senior James King, who is making the move from safety to linebacker this fall, has 10 career blocks on special teams.

## Defense

Dan Bazuin will be asked to wreak havoc again in opposing teams' backfields. Bazuin had six sacks and 14 tackles for a loss en route to second-team Freshman All-America honors

from his defensive end position. William Brookshire will find time at defensive end after starting last season, but sophomore Michael Ogle will likely start opposite Bazuin. Junior college recruit Temirez Williams is penciled in at tackle and returning starter Tony Thompson will continue to anchor the frontline.

One of the more talented defensive players for CMU, James King, will move from safety to drop linebacker to get him involved in more plays. King has accumulated 329 career stops. Two returning starters, seniors Anthony Tyus Jr. and Jon Nelson will play alongside King.

The secondary returns three starters (and that doesn't include King), but that may not be a good thing; CMU allowed over 250 yards passing per game in 2003.

## Specialists

Mike Gruzowski returns after nailing 4-of-6 field goals and all 35 extra-point attempts last season. He will be a steadying influence for CMU. Freshman Tony Mikulec is the likely replacement for departed punter Brian Brandt.

## Final Analysis

Kelly, who compiled a 41-2 record over his final three seasons at Grand Valley State, arrived at CMU in December and immediately began the difficult task of infusing a championship spirit into a program that hasn't had a winning record since 1998. CMU's struggles, however don't faze Kelly, who has kept his expectations high despite his new surroundings.

"People have called me crazy, but I expect CMU to make a run at the MAC championship," he says. "First we need to break some bad habits."

That starts with fixing a defense that allowed 501.8 yards per game last season. Kelly's optimism will help, as will his aggressive defensive alignments and spread offense, but this will likely be a learning year for CMU.

## MAC West Prediction: 5th



Jerry Seymour

Central Michigan SID

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	5 Justin Harper (Jr.)	82 Damien Linson (So.)
WR	2 Jacob Brown (Sr.)	89 Jovan Witherspoon (Sr.)
WR*	80 Scott Gibson (Jr.)	85 Jacob Petzke (Fr.)
LT	70 Adam Kieft (Sr.)	79 Brandon Zukoff (Fr.)
LG	78 Drew Mormino (So.)	64 Eric Karbowski (So.)
C	69 Eric Ghiaciuc (Sr.)	64 Eric Karbowski (So.)
RG	72 Jeff Jenerou (Jr.)	77 Dean Zarafonetis (Jr.)
RT	87 Joe Staley (So.)	77 Dean Zarafonetis (Jr.)
TE	85 Tory Humphrey (Sr.)	84 Dave Condeni (So.)
QB	17 Grant Arnoldink (Sr.)	16 Nick Gildersleeve (Fr.)
FB	48 Troy Peyerik (Jr.)	42 Bryan Lindstrom (Sr.)
HB	15 Jerry Seymour (So.)	37 Spencer Lewis (Jr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	52 Michael Ogle (So.)	55 William Brookshire (Sr.)
DT	Temirez Williams (Jr.)	97 Damon Petty (So.)
DT	76 Tony Thompson (Jr.)	99 Kalani Muragin (Sr.)
DE	93 Dan Bazuin (So.)	55 William Brookshire (Sr.)
SLB	24 James King (Sr.)	44 Jason Smith (Jr.)
MLB	45 Anthony Tyus Jr. (Sr.)	39 Jimmy Reese (Jr.)
WLB	26 Jon Nelson (Sr.)	57 Leython Williams (So.)
CB	27 Richard Kiel (Sr.)	32 Derrick Holoman (Sr.)
CB	33 Marlin Maxwell (Jr.)	30 Jesse Dailey (Jr.)
Rov	8 Tyrone Kelly (So.)	20 Matt Gorman (So.)
FS	28 Orlando Walton (So.)	22 Mike Thomas (Sr.)

### Special Teams

P	31 Tony Mikulec (Fr.)	PR	5 Justin Harper (Jr.)
K	43 Mike Gruzowski (Jr.)	KR	5 Justin Harper (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Grant Arnoldink, 21-9-103-0, 1 TD

Rushing: Jerry Seymour, 205 car., 1,117 yds., 8 TDs

Receiving: Justin Harper, 45 rec., 441 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: James King, 143, 103 solo

Sacks: Dan Bazuin, 6, James King, 6

Interceptions: Marlin Maxwell, 2 for 24 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters  
\*The 12 offensive players reflect CMU's multiple formations

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Indiana	L
S. 11	at Michigan State	L
S. 18	SE Missouri State	W
O. 2	<b>Kent State</b>	*
O. 9	Bowling Green	L
O. 16	at Northern Illinois	L
O. 23	at Toledo	L
O. 30	<b>Western Michigan</b>	*
N. 6	<b>#Eastern Michigan</b>	*
N. 13	<b>at Buffalo</b>	*
N. 20	<b>Ball State</b>	*
	#Detroit, MI	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Michigan	L	7-45
S. 6	New Hampshire	W	40-33
S. 13	E. Kentucky	W	42-41
S. 20	at Ball State	L	14-27
O. 4	at Bowling Green	L	3-23
O. 11	Northern Illinois	L	24-40
O. 18	Toledo	L	13-31
O. 25	at UCF	L	13-31
N. 1	E. Michigan	W	38-10
N. 8	Akron	L	28-40
N. 15	at W. Michigan	L	21-44
N. 22	at Navy	L	34-63

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.1 ppg	79
Rushing	195.8 ypg	22
Passing	174.8 ypg	96
Total	370.7 ypg	69
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.7 ppg	105
Rushing	245.8 ypg	117
Passing	256.0 ypg	99
Total	501.8 ypg	115
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	80

Head Coach: Brian Kelly

2003 Record (MAC): 3-9 (1-7)



## Offense

The Indians may just have a quarterback controversy thanks to the arrival of junior college signee Devin Hollins, a former Wisconsin recruit who lit up the West Coast last season for West Los Angeles Community College. It's a situation coach Steve Roberts welcomes as returning starter Elliot Jacobs, a senior, battles to keep his spot after completing 145-of-273 passes for 1,537 yards and 10 touchdowns last fall.

"Hollins will compete for the job," Roberts says. "Elliot is such a competitor, he'll find a way to contribute to the team, no doubt. It's his position for now."

Chris Easley, who rushed for 475 yards last season, entered the spring atop the Indians' depth chart at tailback, but he tore two knee ligaments on the first day of spring drills. His availability for the fall is not know. Easley's injury will give Shermar Bracey and Antonio Warren an opportunity to take on larger roles.

Gone is crafty receiver Mike Cox, but everyone else returns at wideout. Jerome Stegall, Chuck Walker, Gary Vincent and Jason Wood combined for 77 catches last year, and all had at least 10 receptions. Help returns at tight end as well with stalwart Mike Brooks bringing back the fiery passion Roberts appreciated in 2003.

## NUMBERS GAME

**34** Junior college signee Devin Hollins threw 34 touchdowns at West Los Angeles CC last year. The Indians' incumbent, Elliot Jacobs, threw 10.

On the line, it all starts in the middle for Roberts, where Tab Slaughter comes back from injury plagued 2003 season. Steven Gibbs (6'3", 348) may be massive, but Roberts is also impressed with his mobility.

## Defense

Only three starters return, and an area of strength in '03 becomes perhaps the biggest

concern for the upcoming season as the defensive line must be rebuilt. Gone are standout tackles Jon Bradley and Corey Williams. Luckily, it's not a complete makeover, as athletic end Courtney Todd is back.

Physical linebacker Steven Tookes could shine as the veteran of the defense, and he is expected to lead after recording 90 tackles as a junior. Eddie Walker rotated in much of last season and should grab a starting job.

Graduation severely depleted the secondary, especially with the loss of Jonathan Burke. The Indians will count heavily on hard-tackling Alex Peoples for leadership.

## Specialists

Eric Neihouse is still struggling to find consistency on field goal attempts. He was a forgettable 3-of-7 last fall, including 0-of-2 from beyond 30 yards, but is strong on kickoffs. Punter Jarod Little averaged a respectable 39.6 yards on 78 kicks last year.

## Final Analysis

Arkansas State ended last season with a disappointing 24-14 loss to Middle Tennessee that left the Indians with a losing record at 5-7, one year after going 6-7. It led coach Steve Roberts to conclude the Indians must toughen up if they want to break through in 2004.

"We've won 11 games in two years," Roberts says. "But we're still not at the point where we need to be. We were very inconsistent all last year. So all winter we worked on strengthening our mental and physical toughness to improve our ability to compete."

They are going to need it. The Indians have just four home games on a schedule that includes a trip to defending co-national champs LSU.

This season will truly be a test of Roberts' last two recruiting classes. The Indians will need many of their young players to emerge if their goal of a breakthrough season is to become a reality.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 6th



Steven Tookes

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	9 Chuck Walker (Sr.)	39 Ed Hampton (Jr.)
WR	2 Jerome Stegall (Sr.)	1 Jason Wood (Sr.)
LT	73 Matt Roth (Sr.)	Cody Brown (Jr.)
LG	50 Steven Gibbs (Sr.)	Nick Steffens (Jr.)
C	52 Tab Slaughter (Sr.)	69 Tanner Jenkins (So.)
RG	78 Sam Vegas (Sr.)	Lance Martin (Jr.)
RT	57 Nyeem Wesley (Sr.)	76 Kyle Koets (Fr.)
TE	87 Mike Brooks (Sr.)	81 Manuel Burton (Jr.)
QB	12 Elliot Jacobs (Sr.)	Devin Hollis (Jr.)
FB	47 Oren O'Neal (Jr.)	29 Ramon Williams (Jr.)
TB	23 Shermar Bracey (Jr.)	42 Antonio Warren

### Defense (3)

DE	90 Terrance Chavis (Jr.)	John Najm (Jr.)
DT	98 Myron Anderson (Jr.)	43 Jamarow James (So.)
NT	92 Zelas Abby (So.)	96 Quinton Thomas (So.)
DE	19 Courtney Todd (Sr.)	94 Brandon Rollins (So.)
WLB	22 Eddie Walker (Sr.)	Elias Ellis (Jr.)
MLB	15 Steven Tookes (Sr.)	14 Josh Williams (Fr.)
CB	38 Kelvin Cox (So.)	36 Montis Harrison (Fr.)
CB	6 Chris Jones (Sr.)	27 Charles Johnson (Jr.)
SS	4 Alex Peoples (Sr.)	30 Chris Littleton (Jr.)
WS	38 Khayyam Burns (Fr.)	30 Chris Littleton (Jr.)
FS	24 Tyrell Johnson (Fr.)	43 Farron Fowler (So.)

## Special Teams

K	88 Eric Neihouse (Jr.)	KR	31 Chris Easley (So.)
P	1 Jarod Little (So.)	PR	31 Chris Easley (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Elliot Jacobs, 273-145-1,537-13, 10 TDs  
**Rushing:** Shermar Bracey, 112 car., 530 yds., 8 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jerome Stegall, 27 rec., 364 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** Steven Tookes, 90, 47 solo  
**Sacks:** 3 players with 2 sacks  
**Interceptions:** Alex Peoples, 1 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Missouri	L
S. 11	at LSU	L
S. 18	Memphis	L
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>at UL Monroe</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 2	at Ole Miss	L
<b>O. 9</b>	<b>at Middle Tennessee</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>O. 16</b>	<b>Troy State</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 23	at UL Lafayette	L
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>at Idaho</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>N. 11</b>	<b>Utah State</b>	<b>*</b>
N. 18	North Texas	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Texas A&M	L 11-26
S. 6	Tenn.-Martin	W 63-6
S. 13	SE Missouri St.	W 21-3
S. 20	at Tulsa	L 7-54
S. 27	at Memphis	L 16-38
O. 4	UL Monroe	W 44-41
O. 11	at Ole Miss	L 0-55
O. 25	at Utah State	L 0-49
N. 1	at New Mexico St.	W 28-24
N. 8	Idaho	W 24-23
N. 15	at North Texas	L 14-58
N. 20	Middle Tennessee	L 14-24

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.2 ppg	95
Rushing	159.2 ypg	53
Passing	151.4 ypg	109
Total	310.6 ypg	105
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.4 ppg	100
Rushing	149.3 ypg	50
Passing	250.1 ypg	90
Total	399.3 ypg	77
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.25	75

Head Coach: Steve Roberts

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 5-7 (3-4)



## Offense

It's difficult to evaluate Kent State's offense minus Joshua Cribbs. A two-time 1,000-yard rusher and a three-time 1,000-yard passer, Cribbs is a game-breaker, and the player largely responsible for the Flashes' 10 MAC wins over the last three years. If he can't go (due to felony drug charges), sophomore Antwan Smith will get the nod, and his style of play is similar to Cribbs'. Senior Darryl Polk has nearly 500 career passing yards, but Martin would rather grow with Smith at this point.

Senior David Alston was second-team All-MAC in 2001, but injuries have kept him sidelined most of the last two seasons. Redshirt freshman Rasheed McClaude emerged from spring practice No. 2 on the depth chart.

There are plenty of talented receivers to fill out the Flash's multiple sets. Senior Darrell Dowery Jr. caught 41 balls a year ago for 783 yards — a healthy 19.1-yard average — and figures to be the first option.

Three starters are back on the offensive line. Left tackle Jason Andrews, who missed seven games last year with a broken leg, had ankle problems during spring drills. Versatile performers Chad Bandiera and Craig Rafdal should settle in at left guard and right guard, respectively. Daniel Carter started 11 games last season at right tackle.

## NUMBERS GAME

**11** Kent State has won 14 games the last three seasons. That's an 11-game improvement compared to its three wins from the previous three years — 1998-2000.

## Defense

The Flashes ranked 12th in the MAC in total defense last fall, and it all started — or failed to start — up front. Kent State managed just 13 quarterback sacks, the second-lowest total in the league. Junior end Daniel Muir (46 tackles,

7.5 for a loss) is a legit talent but needs help.

Senior linebacker Eric Mahl is a returning All-MAC performer after registering 126 tackles last fall. Still, this group will need to tackle better if Kent State is going to improve defensively. Opposing quarterbacks enjoyed a 63.4 percent completion rate; the Flashes need better coverage from their linebackers to lower this number.

The good news is that all four starters return in the secondary. The bad news is that this group allowed over 260 yards per game through the air. The coaching staff would like to see free safety Shannon Davis emerge as a leader. Strong safety Vashawn Patrick and corner Barry Drakeford are being asked to step up their physical play.

## Specialists

Kicker, punter and long snapper all return. Travis Mayle converted 16-of-24 field goals and has proven himself in clutch situations. Joshua Brazen dropped 15 punts inside the 20 and still managed a 40.4-yard average. Damian Stolarski is the long snapper.

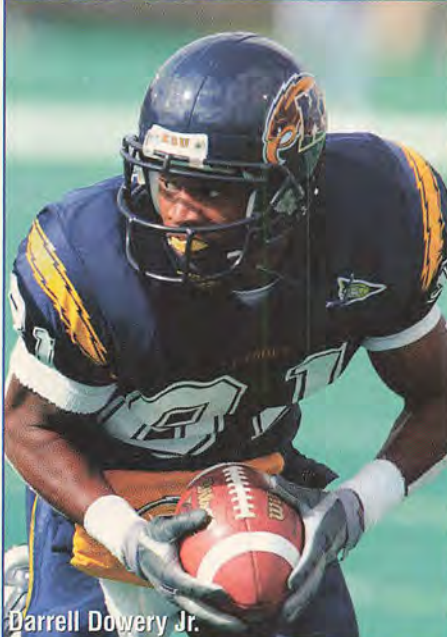
## Final Analysis

It was a turbulent off-season for Kent State. First, Cribbs was charged with felony drug trafficking. Then six weeks later, six-year head coach Dean Pees accepted a position coaching linebackers for the New England Patriots.

Doug Martin, the offensive coordinator for just one season, was elevated to head coach. His challenge is to make the Flashes a MAC contender, which will be easier in the short run if Cribbs is under center. Martin will allow his elusive quarterback to rejoin the team once his legal issues are resolved.

Even with Cribbs, Kent State must improve defensively. If new coordinator Pete Rekestis can get his defense on track, a winning league record could be an attainable goal.

## MAC East Prediction: 5th



Darrell Dowery Jr.

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

FL	37 Derrick Bush (Jr.)	87 Najah Pruden (So.)
SE	81 Darrell Dowery Jr. (Sr.)	80 Brian Bell (So.)
LT	72 Jason Andrews (Sr.)	58 Nathaniel Manning (So.)
LG	63 Chad Bandiera (Sr.)	66 Travis McGraw (Fr.)
C	50 Bill Starry (Fr.)	71 Craig Rafdal (So.)
RG	71 Craig Rafdal (So.)	62 Kiff Kinkead (Fr.)
RT	78 Daniel Carter (Jr.)	65 Joe Marafine (Fr.)
TE	13 Luke Tillman (So.)	36 Charles Newton (Sr.)
QB	9 Joshua Cribbs (Sr.)	2 Antwan Smith (So.)
HB	22 Jon Drager (So.)	83 Marcus Hill (So.)
TB	1 David Alston (Sr.)	34 Rasheed McClaude (Fr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	51 Daniel Muir (Jr.)	26 Nate Wesley (Jr.)
NT	55 Roger Attieh (Jr.)	91 Larry Brown (So.)
DT	56 Colin Ferrell (Fr.)	90 Mark Malloy (Fr.)
OLB	46 Bruce Rice (So.)	8 Justin Parrish (Jr.)
ILB	48 Jonathan Eggleston (So.)	5 Najee Lundy (Sr.)
ILB	59 Eric Mahl (Sr.)	49 Jon Sessler (Jr.)
OLB	29 Damian Stolarski (Sr.)	27 Antonio King (Sr.)
CB	24 Barry Drakeford (Jr.)	2 Jack Williams (Fr.)
CB	18 Usama Young (So.)	21 Darrell Pierce (Fr.)
SS	12 Vashawn Patrick (Sr.)	6 Abram Elam (Sr.)
FS	4 Andre Ashley (Sr.)	20 Shannon Davis (Sr.)

### Specialists

P	39 Joshua Brazen (Jr.)	PR	22 Jon Drager (So.)
K	17 Travis Mayle (Jr.)	KR	27 Antonio King (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Joshua Cribbs, 364-178-2,424-9, 14 TDs  
 Rushing: Joshua Cribbs, 161 car., 701 yds., 14 TDs  
 Receiving: Darrell Dowery Jr., 41 rec., 783 yds., 4 TDs  
 Tackles: Eric Mahl, 126, 55 solo  
 Sacks: Delvin Barker, 3  
 Interceptions: 3 players with 2 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Iowa	L
S. 11	Liberty	W
S. 18	at Rutgers	L
S. 23	Akron	*
O. 2	at Central Michigan	*
O. 9	at Miami (OH)	L
O. 16	Marshall	L
O. 30	Ohio	*
N. 6	at Buffalo	*
N. 13	Eastern Michigan	*
N. 23	at UCF	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	at Akron	W	41-38
S. 6	at Pittsburgh	L	3-43
S. 13	Youngstown St.	W	16-13
S. 20	at Penn State	L	10-32
S. 27	UCF	W	36-16
O. 4	Ball State	L	17-34
O. 11	at Marshall	L	33-49
O. 18	Connecticut (ot)	L	31-34
O. 25	Miami (OH)	L	30-38
N. 8	at Ohio	W	37-33
N. 15	at Bowling Green	L	33-42
N. 22	Buffalo	W	34-24

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.8 ppg	61
Rushing	156.0 ypg	57
Passing	219.8 ypg	56
Total	375.8 ypg	62
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.0 ppg	97
Rushing	201.3 ypg	100
Passing	260.5 ypg	106
Total	461.8 ypg	110
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.58	20

Head Coach: Doug Martin

2003 Record (MAC): 5-7 (4-4)





## Offense

Sophomore Joey Lynch is the only quarterback on the Ball State roster with any playing experience. Lynch completed all three of his passes for 47 yards and one touchdown last season. He will battle Todd Racine, who has the strongest arm according to coach Brady Hoke, and Casey Gillin for the starting assignment.

The Cardinals have plenty of options in the backfield. Scott Blair, the leading rusher in 2003 with 604 yards, will likely be the primary ballcarrier. The coaching staff expects true freshman Adell Givens to contribute right away. Former receiver Larry Bostic will also get a good look at running back.

The Cardinals welcome back two starters on the line — guard Jeff Ramsey and center Nick Tabacca — along with letterwinners Justin Schneider at tackle and Ryan Steele at guard.

The team returns its top 11 pass catchers from a year ago, and the strength of the Ball State offense is at wide receiver. Last season, Dante Ridgeway became the third player in school history to top the 1,000-yard mark when he caught a school-record 89 passes for 1,075 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"We obviously had a very good receiving corps last season," Hoke says. "These guys will help smooth our quarterback transition."

## NUMBERS GAME

89

Dante Ridgeway set a Ball State single-season record with 89 receptions in 2003.

## Defense

The defensive line returns two starters and nine lettermen from an undersized unit that gave up 197.6 yards rushing per game last year. The four players likely to start this fall average just 6'2", 254 pounds per man. Tackle Conrad Slaughter is "the bell cow" of the group accord-

ing to Hoke, a former defensive lineman at BSU.

Donta Smith returns at middle linebacker after a 57-tackle season in 2003. Former running back Brad Seiss has been moved to weak-side linebacker to replace Lorenzo Scott. True freshmen Wendell Brown and Byron Miles will have a chance to contribute right away.

Justin Beriault, a first-team All-MAC safety, led the Cardinals with 145 tackles and added one interception and six pass breakups. He was a big reason Ball State ranked second in the MAC in pass defense — though the Cards' inability to stop the run also played a part.

## Specialists

Placekicker Brian Jackson returns after connecting on 11-of-16 field goals as a true freshman. He also proved to be a weapon for kick-offs and onside kicks. Reggie Hodges returns at punter for the Cardinals after sitting out 2003.

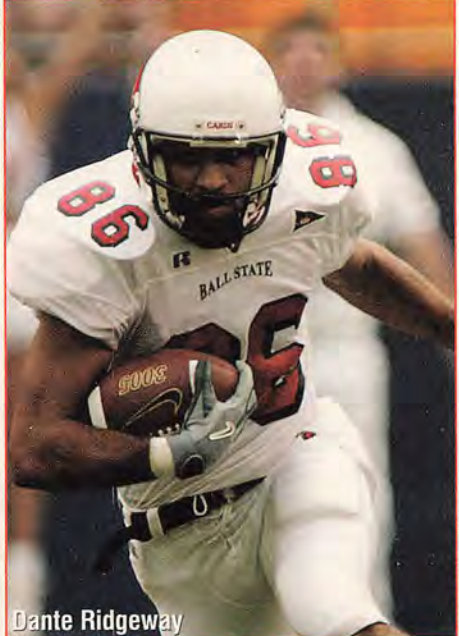
## Final Analysis

The Hoke era got off to a nice start last fall. Following a 38-14 win over Toledo, the Cardinals were 3-1 in the MAC and in position to contend for the West Division title. But BSU stumbled down the stretch, losing its last four games by an average of 21 points.

Now, Hoke & Co. must regroup with some major questions at quarterback. Veterans Talmadge Hill and Andy Roesch are no longer around, and a new starter might not be named until the Monday prior to the 2004 season opener. There are issues on the other side of the ball as well. Beriault is one of the top players in the league, but the rest of the Cardinals' defense lacks star power.

A very difficult schedule looms, with a home game against Boston College and road trips to Purdue, Missouri, Toledo and Bowling Green. A .500 record in Hoke's second season would have to be considered a major success.

## MAC West Prediction: 6th



Dante Ridgeway

## Depth Chart

### Offense (8)

WR	18 Bryan Williamson (So.)	87 Ryan Hahaj (Jr.)
WR	86 Dante Ridgeway (Jr.)	3 Chris Jackson
LT	76 Justin Schneider (So.)	66 Kevin Neville (Fr.)
LG	71 Jeff Ramsey (Sr.)	73 Patrick Neils (Jr.)
C	70 Nick Tabacca (Sr.)	50 Dustin Brown (Fr.)
RG	63 Ryan Steele (So.)	64 Scott Bradtmiller (Fr.)
RT	68 Adam Rothstein (Jr.)	61 Ryan McKee (So.)
TE	82 Mark Franklin (Sr.)	84 Michael Steinhilber (So.)
QB	9 Joey Lynch (So.)	8 Todd Racine (So.)
FB	38 Brad Salyer (So.)	41 Aaron Matthews (So.)
TB	32 Scott Blair (Sr.)	24 Charles Wynn (Jr.)

### Defense (4)

DE	95 Vincent Davis (So.)	98 Temidayo Macarthy (Fr.)
DT	97 Riley Larimore (So.)	92 Tom Kellar (So.)
DT	65 Conrad Slaughter (Sr.)	74 Martin Miekczynski (Jr.)
DE	57 Blair Kramer (Jr.)	91 Lorenzo Wims (So.)
SLB	51 Anthony Corpuz (So.)	48 Travis Mikalaukas (Jr.)
MLB	23 Donta Smith (Jr.)	39 Andy Stark (Jr.)
WLB	42 Brad Seiss (So.)	30 Mike Dorulla (Fr.)
CB	21 Tommy Schembra (Sr.)	29 Ricky Rakestraw (So.)
CB	5 Randall Means (So.)	6 Chris Allen (Fr.)
SS	31 Justin Beriault (Sr.)	1 Eddie Burk (Fr.)
FS	49 Erik Keys (So.)	25 David Gater (Jr.)

### Special Teams

K	40 Brian Jackson (So.)	KR	19 Larry Bostic (Jr.)
P	30 Reggie Hodges (Sr.)	PR	87 Ryan Hahaj (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Joey Lynch, 3-3-47-0, 1 TD  
 Rushing: Scott Blair, 137 car., 604 yds., 5 TDs  
 Receiving: Dante Ridgeway, 89 rec., 1,075 yds., 10 TDs  
 Tackles: Justin Beriault, 145, 71 solo  
 Sacks: Vincent Davis, 3  
 Interceptions: Travis Mikalaukas, 1 for 0 yds.  
 Justin Beriault, 1 for 6 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	Boston College	L
S. 11	at Purdue	L
S. 18	at Missouri	L
S. 25	<b>Western Michigan</b>	*
O. 2	at Toledo	L
O. 9	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	*
O. 16	at Bowling Green	L
O. 23	at Akron	L
O. 30	Northern Illinois	L
N. 13	UCF	L
N. 20	<b>at Central Michigan</b>	*

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	Indiana State	W	31-7
S. 6	Missouri	L	7-35
S. 13	at Pittsburgh	L	21-42
S. 20	C. Michigan	W	27-14
S. 27	at Boston Coll.	L	29-53
O. 4	at Kent State	W	34-17
O. 18	Miami (OH)	L	3-49
O. 25	Toledo	W	38-14
N. 1	at No. Illinois	L	23-48
N. 8	at W. Michigan	L	20-28
N. 15	at E. Michigan	L	14-38
N. 22	Bowling Green	L	14-41

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.8 ppg	88
Rushing	114.8 ypg	100
Passing	227.5 ypg	48
Total	342.3 ypg	86
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.2 ppg	92
Rushing	197.6 ypg	98
Passing	189.5 ypg	24
Total	387.1 ypg	71
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	86

Head Coach: Brady Hoke

2003 Record (MAC): 4-8 (3-5)





## Offense

Quarterback Scott Rislov, a former junior college transfer, is gone after two solid seasons in San Jose. There were five quarterback candidates in spring camp. Someone has to emerge as a playmaker if coach Fitz Hill expects to rebound from a dreary 3–8 season in which one of the victories came over Division I-AA Grambling State.

That isn't all. The program, itself, is threatened by new NCAA regulations that could demote football from the Division I-A ranks. On campus, a small, but vocal, group of faculty members wants big-time football dropped.

Against this backdrop, the two leading quarterback candidates were redshirt freshman Adam Tafralis and fifth-year senior Dale Rogers.

The Spartans rely on skill position players because they lack the muscle to physically beat up opponents. If someone can get the ball to wide receivers Rufus Skillern or John Broussard, there could be good results.

What the unknown quarterback won't have is an established tight end as a target. The duo of Courtney Anderson and Leon Pinky, the highest-scoring tight-end tandem in the country last year, is a thing of the past.

## NUMBERS GAME

**23** San Jose State's returning quarterbacks have combined to complete 23 career passes. Beau Pierce leads with 17.

Other than tight end, the offensive line has some experience, even though some of the personnel will be shifted around. William Obeng, at 307 pounds, is expected to anchor the unit.

Someone has to open holes for a running game that produced only one scamper of at least 30 yards last season. Hill welcomes back compact Lamar Ferguson, who has bulked up from 145 to 151 pounds, and Lance Martin, the leading rusher in 2003.

## Defense

Defense is a constant problem at San Jose State, and with six of the top seven tacklers from last year gone, that problem will likely persist.

Three starters return on the defensive line, which can be good news or bad. The Spartans ranked 108th in the nation in total defense and 103rd in scoring defense last year — and both were improvements over the 2002 season.

Where new defensive coordinator Keith Burns, former head coach at Tulsa, must do quick work is with the linebackers. No starters return. That's why Ezekiel Staples, who caught 25 passes last year as a fullback, and former safety Eric Wilson have been moved to linebacker. Staples has been a dependable tackler on the Spartans' special teams units.

## Specialists

Solid placekicker Jeff Carr returns for his senior season after hitting 11-of-17 field goal attempts last year. Rogers, quarterback candidate, will handle the punting duties. He punted for Cal Poly as a freshman four years ago.

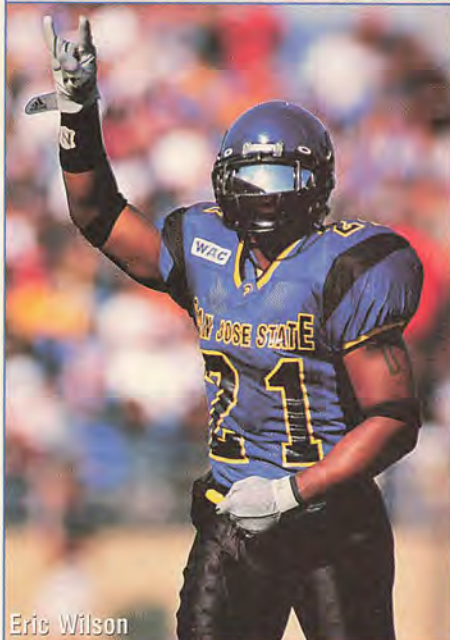
## Final Analysis

The Spartans must find a way to win and stick with it. In the past, the approach was to play throw-and-catch with speedy receivers and hope for the best. But without a proven quarterback, Hill wants to try something else — a commitment to the run. He wants a quarterback who'll minimize mistakes and hand off to the tailback.

The defense got a big boost when Hill convinced Burns to come aboard. Defense hasn't been a strong suit in the past for the Spartans, who gave up 40 points or more five times last season.

The schedule calls for WAC powerhouses Boise State and Fresno State to visit Spartan Stadium. With the exception of the Sept. 18 match-up with Division I-AA Morgan State, it's hard to find a sure win on the Spartans' schedule.

## WAC Prediction: 9th



Eric Wilson

Peter Brouillet

## Depth Chart

### Offense (2)

WR	80 Rufus Skillern (Jr.)	82 James Jones (So.)
WR	81 John Broussard (Jr.)	Terrance Grant (So.)
WR	85 Michael Hooper (Fr.)	Casey Miranda (Sr.)
LT	79 William Obeng (Sr.)	71 John Toensfeldt (Jr.)
LG	63 Eric Olson (Sr.)	66 Marcel Burroughs (Jr.)
C	76 Matt Cantu (So.)	61 Ryan Simone (Fr.)
RG	60 Mark Manning (Jr.)	Victor Brankovich (Jr.)
RT	73 Osmar Staples (Sr.)	71 John Toensfeldt (Jr.)
TE	Bryan Watje (Jr.)	83 Jamaal Allen (Sr.)
QB	17 Adam Tafralis (Fr.)	12 Dale Rogers (Sr.)
TB	31 Lance Martin (Sr.)	8 Lamar Ferguson (Jr.)

### Defense (5)

DE	94 Sean McNamara (Sr.)	95 Justin James (Jr.)
DT	69 Kinji Green (Jr.)	51 Melvin Johnson (Fr.)
DT	99 Eddie Brown (Sr.)	78 Anthony Flores (Jr.)
DE	49 Tony Ficklin (Jr.)	54 Jamaal Ransom (Jr.)
OLB	21 Eric Wilson (Jr.)	44 Jamonte Cox (Jr.)
ILB	29 Mike Liranzo (Sr.)	Brian Elledge (Fr.)
ILB	46 Demetrius Jones (So.)	26 Ezekiel Staples (Jr.)
CB	20 Jerrell Hardy (Sr.)	39 Marshall Hendricks (Sr.)
CB	3 Larry Collins (Jr.)	4 Trestin George (Jr.)
S	33 Josh Powell (Jr.)	23 David Bowen (Fr.)
S	37 Damaja Jones (Jr.)	17 Jason Evans (So.)

## Special Teams

K	14 Jeff Carr (Sr.)	KR	4 Trestin George (Jr.)
P	12 Dale Rogers (Sr.)	PR	89 Casey Miranda (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Beau Pierce, 15-9-55-1, 0 TDs  
 Rushing: Lance Martin, 119 car., 520 yds., 2 TDs  
 Receiving: Ezekiel Staples, 25 rec., 152 yds., 0 TDs  
 Tackles: Eric Wilson, 97, 60 solo  
 Sacks: Sean McNamara, 5  
 Interceptions: Trestin George, 2 for 35 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at San Diego State	L
S. 11	at Stanford	L
S. 18	Morgan State	W
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>at SMU</b>	*
O. 2	Rice	L
O. 9	at Washington	L
O. 23	at Hawaii	L
<b>O. 30</b>	<b>UTEP</b>	*
N. 6	at Nevada	L
N. 13	Boise State	L
N. 20	at Tulsa	L
N. 27	Fresno State	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 23	Grambling State	W	29–0
A. 30	at Florida	L	3–65
S. 6	at Stanford	L	10–31
S. 18	Nevada	L	30–42
O. 4	at Rice	L	24–28
O. 11	SMU	W	31–14
O. 25	at Boise State	L	14–77
N. 1	Hawaii	L	10–13
N. 8	at UTEP	W	69–41
N. 15	at Fresno State	L	7–41
N. 22	Tulsa	L	32–34

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.6 ppg	77
Rushing	104.3 ypg	105
Passing	282.4 ypg	17
Total	386.6 ypg	53
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.1 ppg	103
Rushing	187.4 ypg	89
Passing	271.7 ypg	107
Total	459.1 ypg	108
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.45	29

Head Coach: Fitz Hill

2003 Record (WAC): 3–8 (2–6)





## Offense

The Mustangs must get more production from an offense that ranked last in the nation in scoring last season, averaging a paltry 11.2 points per game.

Chris Phillips, a sophomore who started five games last year, will get the first opportunity to run the Mustangs' new spread offense. If he struggles — and there will be times he will — junior college transfers Tony Eckert and Jerad Romo could take over. Eckert is the better of the two transfers because of his quick release and his ability to throw the deep ball. Phillips has a strong arm but isn't as accurate. SMU coach Phil Bennett says he might play both quarterbacks this season.

"Chris has gotten so much better since last year," Bennett says. "I really like how he worked hard in the off-season and viewed tape and improved how he throws the ball."

Foy Munlin, a junior, has emerged as the starting tailback. A transfer from Texas Tech, Munlin is big enough (5'11", 236) to handle the rigors as the lone back.

Receiver Matt Rushbrook missed the spring with a knee injury and is questionable for the beginning of the 2004 season.

The offensive line was a mess last fall, but new position coach Ronnie Vinklarek should have at least two dependable leaders — Darrin Johnson (left tackle) and Chris Urbanus (right tackle).

## NUMBERS GAME

**13** With one more loss, SMU will tie the school-record 13-game losing streak. SMU lost 10 straight to close out the 1990 season and the first three games of the following season before beating Tulane, 31-17.

## Defense

The defensive line was relatively strong a year ago, but Bennett would like to see his guys

apply more pressure to the quarterback. The Mustangs totaled just 12 sacks in 2004 — not a good number for a team trying to win games with its defense. Tackle Allan Adami, an All-WAC pick last fall, is the unquestioned leader. He recorded 75 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss.

The linebacking corps could be the strength of the defense. D.D. Lee, who tied for the team lead with 100 tackles last season, has been moved to the strong side after playing in the middle in 2003.

Cornerback Rolando Humphrey and safeties Jamey Harper and Alvin Nnabuife return. The star of the secondary, however, could be corner Charles Akinyemi, a transfer from Air Force who started one game with the Falcons in 2002.

## Specialists

Placekicker Chris McMurtray impressed the coaches in spring workouts, and he is coming off of a solid sophomore season in which he hit 10-of-14 field goals. Punter Ryan Mentzel averaged 38.3 yards last year, and his job is in jeopardy. Ricky Joe Meeks, a backup quarterback, will get an opportunity.

## Final Analysis

The Mustangs heard all summer about the 0-12 record and the anemic offense. New offensive coordinator Rusty Burns isn't guaranteeing any victories, but he is quite certain his West Coast offense will enable the Mustangs to be more productive in 2004. SMU has some talent at tailback and in the receiving corps, but Burns will have to settle on a quarterback — likely Phillips — to create some continuity.

The Mustangs probably won't win any of their first three games — all against bowl teams from a year ago — so they will likely set a new school record for consecutive defeats (14). The first chance for a victory might be the WAC opener against San Jose State on Sept. 25.

## WAC Prediction: 10th



D.D. Lee

Doug Holleman

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	3 Devin Lowery (Fr.)	10 Matt Rushbrook (Sr.)
WR	18 Jay'Mond Cleveland (So.)	83 Trey Griffin (Sr.)
WR	85 Reynaldo Pellerin (So.)	82 Bobby Chase (So.)
LT	58 Darrin Johnson (So.)	71 Martin Guidry (So.)
LG	50 Caleb Peveto (Fr.)	60 Eric Neal (Sr.)
C	62 Brad Kieschnick (Jr.)	65 Bryan Turner (So.)
RG	70 Townsend Hargis (Sr.)	79 Justin Boren (Fr.)
RT	78 Chris Urbanus (So.)	63 Grant Eidson (Jr.)
TE	89 Ryan Kennedy (So.)	86 Vincent Chase
QB	7 Chris Phillips (So.)	4 Tony Eckert (Jr.)
TB	32 Foy Munlin (Jr.)	33 Richuel Massey (Fr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	90 Melvin Williams (Sr.)	99 Jamar Bey (So.)
DT	96 Desmond Jones (So.)	55 Lucky DeLay (Fr.)
NG	14 Allan Adami (Sr.)	40 Justin Rogers (So.)
DE	68 Randy Denman (So.)	97 Dominic Pryor (Fr.)
WLB	11 Cory Muse (Fr.)	30 Don Jeremia-Stansbury (Jr.)
MLB	55 Reggie Carrington (So.)	52 Avery Cleveland (Fr.)
SLB	35 D.D. Lee (Sr.)	44 Zach Hall (Fr.)
CB	26 Rolando Humphrey (Jr.)	22 Anthony Barnett (So.)
CB	12 Charles Akinyemi (Jr.)	8 Ervin McGee (So.)
SS	16 Jamey Harper (Jr.)	29 Joe Sturdivant (So.)
FS	27 Alvin Nnabuife (Jr.)	39 Ted Barnhart (So.)

## Special Teams

K	31 Chris McMurtray (Jr.)	KR	26 Rolando Humphrey (Jr.)
P	41 Ryan Mentzel (Jr.)	PR	2 Blake Warren (So.)

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Chris Phillips, 65-35-389-2, 2 TDs  
**Rushing:** Chris Phillips, 65 car., 330 yds., 1 TD  
**Receiving:** Matt Rushbrook, 30 rec., 359 yds., 3 TDs  
**Tackles:** D.D. Lee, 100, 64 solo  
**Sacks:** Don Jeremia-Stansbury, 3  
**Interceptions:** 5 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	Texas Tech	L
S. 11	at TCU	L
S. 18	at Oklahoma State	L
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>San Jose State</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 2	at Boise State	L
O. 9	at Rice	L
<b>O. 16</b>	<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>*</b>
O. 30	at Fresno State	L
N. 6	Tulsa	L
N. 13	Nevada	L
N. 20	at UTEP	L

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### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Texas Tech	L	10-58
S. 13	at Baylor	L	7-10
S. 20	Oklahoma State	L	6-52
S. 27	at Nevada	L	9-12
O. 4	UTEP	L	19-21
O. 11	at San Jose State	L	14-31
O. 18	Boise State	L	3-45
O. 25	at Tulsa	L	16-35
N. 1	Fresno State	L	11-20
N. 8	at Louisiana Tech	L	6-41
N. 15	Rice	L	20-41
N. 29	TCU	L	13-20

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	11.2 ppg	117
Rushing	129.3 ypg	83
Passing	131.3 ypg	112
Total	260.7 ypg	117
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.2 ppg	92
Rushing	164.0 ypg	69
Passing	225.3 ypg	67
Total	389.3 ypg	73
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-13	-1.08	107

Head Coach: Phil Bennett

2003 Record (WAC): 0-12 (0-8)



## Offense

The Aggies have plenty of concerns on offense. Quarterback isn't one of them. Utah State is in good hands with senior Travis Cox, who started all 12 games last year and passed for 2,791 yards while completing 56.6 percent of his passes. He threw 18 touchdowns and just seven interceptions and led the Sun Belt in total offense.

"Last year I was more worried about getting the team behind me," Cox says. "Now I just need to focus on making myself better."

Cox will need protection from a line that lost three starters. Two junior college transfers will be expected to join incumbents Donald Penn and Elliott Tupea in the starting lineup.

The Aggies return just 21.5 percent of their rushing yards and 12.2 percent of their receiving yards. A slew of running backs were signed in February, but they won't report until this fall. Several mid-term junior college signees and Oregon transfer Tarrell Richards will be called upon at the receiver spots. Raymond Hicks, who made five starts and caught 13 balls, is the only receiver with any significant experience.

USU averaged 350.3 yards per game last year, the fewest since 1998.

## NUMBERS GAME

**66** The Utah State defense jumped up 66 spots in the national rankings in total defense in its first season after switching to a 3-4 alignment.

## Defense

Six starters return to a unit that allowed only 360.1 yards per game — the Aggies' lowest total in the past five seasons — and ranked 45th in the nation in total defense last season, 25th against the pass.

It all starts up front, where eight experienced players and several new faces will share time at three positions. Tackles Ronald Tupea and

Michael Gates have proved themselves in the trenches. Tupea, a three-year starter, led the team in sacks last year with six. Ryan DeQuillettes will start at noseguard.

Linebacker Robert Watts led the team with 118 tackles and is looking to have a great senior campaign. "We took some good steps last year," Watts says. "We're proud of that, but this year we want to go out and do 10 times better."

Starting tackle John Chick has moved to linebacker and is always a threat to put pressure on the quarterback.

The secondary returns some heavy hitters in safeties Joe Lindsay and Terrance Washington. Both drew praise during the spring. Washington led the team in interceptions last year with five and also recorded 93 tackles.

## Specialists

Punter Ben Chaet averaged a solid 40.3 yards per kick as a sophomore. He also converted 3-of-4 field goal attempts, but the place-kicking job might go to sophomore Justin Hamblin. The Aggies still need to find a long snapper, which became a problem last year when the starter was injured.

Jerome Dennis is a dangerous kickoff returner, while Tony Pennyman and Hicks will share punt return duties.

## Final Analysis

The success of USU's final season in the Sun Belt Conference — the Aggies move to the WAC in 2005 — will come down to the offense. The defense is solid and will keep games close, but the offense must establish some consistency and cut down on the penalties. Cox is a proven commodity, but the Aggies need some other playmakers to emerge.

Utah State should be competitive in conference play, but the schedule will be unkind — the Aggies play seven road games, including non-conference trips to Alabama and Clemson.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 7th



Travis Cox

Utah State SID

## Depth Chart

### Offense (4)

WR	5 Raymond Hicks (Sr.)	1 Tony Pennyman (So.)
WR	19 Tarrell Richards (Fr.)	Launey Ivers (Jr.)
LT	72 Donald Penn (So.)	65 Brenan Burningham (Sr.)
LG	61 Victor Eti (Jr.)	76 Malik Cin (Jr.)
C	62 Brent DeLadurantey (So.)	52 David Rawlins (Jr.)
RG	78 Elliot Tupea (Sr.)	74 Justin Schlimgen (Jr.)
RT	63 Pace Jorgensen (Fr.)	70 Matt Reese (Fr.)
TE	87 Jason Stephens (So.)	86 Patrick McNutt (Jr.)
QB	4 Travis Cox (Sr.)	12 Matt Crivello (Sr.)
FB	47 Trent Nate (Sr.)	88 Jimmy Bohm (Fr.)
TB	33 Ryan Kemp (So.)	28 Tyrone McKinney (Sr.)

### Defense (6)

DT	92 Ronald Tupea (Sr.)	96 Tim Jessop (So.)
NG	75 Ryan DeQuillettes (Jr.)	66 Brent Pollock (Sr.)
DT	90 Michael Gates (Jr.)	56 Jarom Fano (Jr.)
Stud	37 John Chick (Jr.)	42 Kelly Poppinga (So.)
SLB	46 Jared Johnston (Jr.)	48 Jake Stewart (Jr.)
MLB	30 Robert Watts (Sr.)	51 Matt Wiser (Jr.)
WLB	40 Nate Fredrick (Jr.)	49 D.J. Brooktree (Jr.)
CB	29 Cornelius Lamb (Jr.)	3 Eddie Gilmore (Fr.)
CB	20 Jerome Dennis (Sr.)	23 Reggie Willson (Jr.)
SS	4 Joe Lindsay (So.)	24 Antonio Taylor (Fr.)
FS	9 Terrance Washington (So.)	26 Andre Bala (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	13 Justin Hamblin (So.)	KR	20 Jerome Dennis (Sr.)
P	15 Ben Chaet (Jr.)	PR	1 Tony Pennyman (So.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Travis Cox, 415-235-2,791-7, 18 TDs  
 Rushing: Travis Davis, 21 car., 150 yds., 1 TD  
 Receiving: Raymond Hicks, 13 rec., 183 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Robert Watts, 118, 49 solo  
 Sacks: Ronald Tupea, 6  
 Interceptions: Terrance Washington, 5 for 61 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Alabama	L
<b>S. 11</b>	<b>Idaho</b>	*
S. 18	Utah	L
S. 25	at UNLV	L
O. 2	at Troy State	L
O. 9	North Texas	L
O. 16	at Clemson	L
O. 30	at Middle Tenn.	L
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>at UL Monroe</b>	*
<b>N. 11</b>	<b>at Arkansas State</b>	*
N. 20	New Mexico State	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	at Utah	L	20-40
S. 6	at Nebraska	L	7-31
S. 13	at Arizona State	L	16-26
S. 27	UL Monroe	W	28-10
O. 4	at New Mexico	L	7-34
O. 11	Wyoming	L	21-48
O. 18	at North Texas	L	27-37
O. 25	Arkansas State	W	49-0
N. 1	Middle Tenn.	W	41-20
N. 6	at N. Mexico St.	L	21-26
N. 15	Troy State	L	14-23
N. 22	Idaho	L	13-20

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.0 ppg	85
Rushing	108.3 ypg	103
Passing	242.0 ypg	41
Total	350.3 ypg	80
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.3 ppg	65
Rushing	167.3 ypg	73
Passing	192.8 ypg	25
Total	360.1 ypg	45
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	80

Head Coach: Mick Dennehy

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 3-9 (3-4)





## Offense

Quarterback Matt Bohnet, who began his career at Iowa, is ready to lead EMU's new spread offense. Considering the Eagles averaged just 153.7 passing yards per game last season, Bohnet should provide a major upgrade.

"Matt is the strongest player on this team with a 430-pound bench press along with 4.6 40 speed," says first-year coach Jeff Genyk. "He is a real leader and a great fit for this new spread offense."

Tailback Anthony Sherrell, a first-team All-MAC pick last fall, returns after serving as the workhorse for the Eagles' offense. Sherrell rushed for 1,531 yards on a league-high 338 carries.

The coaching staff feels the strength of the team is the receiving corps — and Genyk has plenty of options for three- and four-wide sets. "Players must adapt to the quick pace of this new offense, and we have great depth here with six or seven guys who can get it done," he says. There is enough depth at receiver that Chris R. Roberson, who led the Eagles with 338 yards on 34 catches, has moved to cornerback.

EMU welcomes back four starters on the offensive line — Tom Kaleita, Jason Robert, Mike Romelli and Scott Golem, though Romelli has been moved from guard to center. The development of this line is going to be critical to the success of the new offensive scheme. The Eagles gave up a league-high 40 sacks in 2003.

## NUMBERS GAME

**56.5** Anthony Sherrell accumulated 1,835 total yards last season — 56.5 percent of EMU's offense.

## Defense

The defensive line returns three starters and six other lettermen, but those nine returnees average just 6'2", 264 pounds per man.

"We've got to get bigger and stronger in this area and that is why we recruited it so hard this

year," Genyk says. The coaching staff is expecting as many as four true freshmen to compete for playing time up front.

EMU must replace its best defensive player, David Lusky, a first-team All-MAC pick who led the conference in total tackles last year. The Eagles do return two very productive linebackers in Keyvon Barbee, who finished second on the team with 109 tackles last season, and Kevin Harrison, the third-leading tackler.

Roberson, the former receiver, will add some much-needed speed to the defensive backfield, along with an ability to make the big play.

"We want our defense to be able to score points and we want our defensive backs to be more physical and become headhunters," Genyk says.

## Specialists

Andrew Wellock returns after a sensational freshman season in which he connected on 14-of-17 field goals and all 23 extra points. Wellock will likely handle the punting this year as well since three-year starter David Rysko graduated.

## Final Analysis

Genyk, hired in the off-season to replace Jeff Woodruff, has a daunting task at Eastern Michigan. The Eagles have suffered through eight straight losing seasons and have won a total of six MAC games over the past four years. But Genyk, who spent 12 years at Northwestern, is no stranger to turnarounds. And he believes he can orchestrate one in Ypsilanti.

Genyk does have some talent to work with — Sherrell is an All-MAC tailback, Wellock is a Lou Groza Award candidate at kicker, and Bohnet should be a significant upgrade at quarterback. The new coach (and his new spread offense), combined with the Eagles' strong finish to the 2003 season — two wins in their final three games — has given the EMU faithful a reason for optimism for the first time in many years.

## MAC West Prediction: 7th



Keyvon Barbee

Eastern Michigan SID

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	1 Eric Deslauriers (So.)	27 Dane Evans (Fr.)
WR	5 Chris Talley (Sr.)	15 Alonzo Harris (Sr.)
WR	81 A.J. Bennett (Jr.)	7 LaGarian Houston (Jr.)
LT	75 Tom Kaleita (Sr.)	66 Mario Tucker (Sr.)
LG	63 Khalid Walton (Fr.)	67 Joe Karaska (So.)
C	62 Mike Romelli (Jr.)	65 Steve Godbold (Sr.)
RG	56 Jason Robert (Jr.)	60 Jeromie Feuchter (Sr.)
RT	71 Chris Thomas (Fr.)	74 Scott Golem (Sr.)
TE	48 Adam Jacobs (Sr.)	88 Kevin Howe (Jr.)
QB	11 Matt Bohnet (Jr.)	16 Ken Bohnet (So.)
TB	22 Anthony Sherrell (Sr.)	25 Nelson Drew (Jr.)

### Defense (9)

DE	90 Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo (Jr.)	52 Brandon Watkins (So.)
DT	95 Matt Kudu (Sr.)	99 Reggie Woods (So.)
DT	97 Eric Pettway (Sr.)	91 Brandon Baker (Jr.)
DE	92 Matt Lisek (Jr.)	61 Gemayel Cowser (Jr.)
WLB	21 Keyvon Barbee (Sr.)	9 John Wester (Jr.)
MLB	18 Kevin Harrison (Sr.)	45 Steven Bednarik (Jr.)
SLB	13 Corey Riley (Fr.)	51 Mike Raupp (Fr.)
CB	33 Steven Lewis (Jr.)	20 Geoffrey Pope (Fr.)
CB	6 Chris R. Roberson (Sr.)	8 Michael Woods (Sr.)
FS	32 Jerry Gaines (Sr.)	30 Zedrick Bryant (Fr.)
SS	36 Rontrell Woodruff (Sr.)	24 Corey Parker (Sr.)

## Special Teams

K	40 Andrew Wellock (So.)	KR	85 Trumaine Riley (So.)
P	40 Andrew Wellock (So.)	PR	85 Trumaine Riley (So.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Ken Bohnet, 68-39-400-5, 1 TD

Rushing: Anthony Sherrell, 338 car., 1,531 yds., 12 TDs

Receiving: Anthony Sherrell, 44 rec., 304 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Keyvon Barbee, 109, 40 solo

Sacks: Kevin Harrison, 3

Interceptions: Rontrell Woodruff, 1 for 0 yds.

Michael Woods, 1 for 5 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	Buffalo	*
S. 11	at Florida	L
S. 18	Toledo	L
S. 25	Eastern Illinois	W
O. 2	Idaho	*
O. 9	at Ball State	*
O. 16	at Western Michigan	L
O. 30	at Bowling Green	L
N. 6	#Central Michigan	*
N. 13	at Kent State	*
N. 20	Northern Illinois	L
	#Detroit, MI	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 28	East Tenn. St.	W	28-21
S. 4	Western Illinois	L	12-34
S. 13	at Akron	L	17-24
S. 20	at Navy	L	7-39
S. 27	Maryland	L	13-37
O. 4	W. Michigan	L	3-31
O. 11	at Toledo	L	14-49
O. 18	Bowling Green	L	20-33
N. 1	at C. Michigan	L	10-38
N. 8	UCF	W	19-13
N. 15	Ball State	W	38-14
N. 22	at No. Illinois	L	24-38

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.1 ppg	106
Rushing	116.8 ypg	97
Passing	153.7 ypg	107
Total	270.5 ypg	116
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.9 ppg	87
Rushing	191.2 ypg	92
Passing	201.9 ypg	34
Total	393.1 ypg	75
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	94

2003 Record (MAC): 3-9 (2-6)

Head Coach: Jeff Genyk



## Offense

Head coach Charlie Weatherbie wasted little time shaking up his staff after Louisiana-Monroe finished 1-11 in 2003. After a disastrous first year, Weatherbie fired four coaches, including offensive coordinator Tommy Condell. In Condell's place, Weatherbie, the former head coach at Navy, hired former Army boss Todd Berry to fix a unit that averaged just 19.9 points per game in 2003.

Berry installed a simplified, one-back attack that should help the team get the most out of the talent on hand. The offense has a veteran quarterback in Steven Jyles, a deep corps of receivers and a pair of big running backs in Kevin Payne and Jason Schule.

A hand injury prevented Jyles from building on his breakout freshman season, but he still managed a respectable 2,112 yards and 14 touchdowns as a sophomore in 2003. He also has the mobility to be a dual threat in ULM's new offense.

Shule, a 241-pound converted fullback, emerged from spring atop the depth chart, but Payne, who ran for nearly 1,000 yards last fall, will see plenty of action in the Indians' one-back sets.

## NUMBERS GAME

**-1.58** ULM ranked 114th nationally with a minus-1.58 turnover ratio. The Indians committed 33 turnovers and had just 14 takeaways.

Despite losing career receptions leader Mack Vincent, the Indians felt so good about their depth at wide receiver, they didn't sign any in their last recruiting class.

The major question on offense is up front. After losing four offensive linemen to graduation, the Indians had just eight linemen for spring practice. Returning starters included All-Sun Belt left tackle Bruce Hampton and center Hayden Wadsworth.

## Defense

The Indians haven't had quality depth up front in several years, but the situation is starting to improve. If junior college tackle Thomas Chambless can step in and contribute, and former high school star D.J. Ernst returns from back surgery, ULM could have the two-deep rotation it needs.

ULM lost leading tackler Maurice Sonnier, but standout linebacker John Winchester, who finished second with 91 tackles, returns for his senior season. Junior Josh Alexander finished spring as the starter alongside Winchester.

The Indians have experience in the secondary, and the coaching staff hopes that translates to production. ULM had just seven interceptions a year ago.

"We're really starting to make plays in the secondary, which is big," Weatherbie says. "We're closer to receivers than we've been. I see our secondary continuing to improve."

Shelton Williams was the talk of spring ball, using his 4.3 speed and aggressiveness to stake his claim to even more playing time next fall.

## Specialists

Punter Joel Stelly ranked third nationally last year at 46.3 yards per kick, and he is back for his junior season. With the loss of Tyler Kuecker, placekicking chores will fall on incoming freshman Ragan Walters. He kicked a 57-yard field goal last year but still must make the transition to the college game.

## Final Analysis

ULM lost six games by a touchdown or less last year. The biggest culprit was an alarming turnover ratio of minus-1.58 per game.

With six starters back on offense and eight returning on defense, the Indians have a nucleus of talent that could turn things around quickly. Add to that rising young players like Jacobs and Williams, and it's quite possible that the Indians could escape the Sun Belt cellar.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 8th



Steven Jyles

## Depth Chart

## Offense (6)

FL	9 Joe Merritt (So.)	83	Roshon Jacobs (So.)
SL	84 Charles Estes (Sr.)	16	Adam Hogan (Fr.)
WR	85 Vincent Mitchell (Jr.)	6	Larry Davenport (Jr.)
LT	76 Bruce Hampton (Sr.)	71	Desi Edwards (Fr.)
LG	77 Joseph Joseph (Fr.)	64	Joey Zimmer (So.)
C	52 Hayden Wadsworth (Sr.)	66	Dorian Beckwith (Jr.)
RG	62 Brent Gregston (Fr.)	64	Joey Zimmer (So.)
RT	72 Alandee Brown (Sr.)	71	Desi Edwards (Fr.)
TE	41 Jeremy Hammock (Jr.)	1	Joey Trappey (Jr.)
QB	15 Steven Jyles (Jr.)	8	Jesse Blair (Fr.)
RB	38 Jason Schule (Jr.)	14	Kevin Payne (So.)

## Defense (8)

DE	97 Christiaan Cambridge (So.)	99	Alecco Shine (Sr.)
DT	93 Dilandos Johnson (Sr.)	58	Homer Birdline (Sr.)
NT	33 LeKeith Robinson (Sr.)	53	Ricky Williams (Fr.)
DE	42 Brandon Guillory (Sr.)	91	Lamont Finley (Sr.)
LB	8 Josh Alexander (Jr.)	45	L.B. Jeter (Jr.)
LB	12 John Winchester (Sr.)	44	Harry Bradley (So.)
ROV	5 Chris Harris (Sr.)	2	Jared Frost (So.)
CB	21 Cash Mouton (Sr.)	16	Trumaine Hardman (Sr.)
CB	7 Mikkal Henry (Sr.)	27	Jaron James (Sr.)
SS	47 Damien Richard (Sr.)	22	Travin Moore (Jr.)
FS	23 Shelton Williams (So.)	25	Louis Thomas (So.)

## Special Teams

K	Ragan Walters (Fr.)	KR	84 Charles Estes (Sr.)
P	13 Joel Stelly (Jr.)	PR	7 Mikkal Henry (Sr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Steven Jyles, 360-201-2,112-12, 14 TDs  
 Rushing: Kevin Payne, 248 car., 976 yds., 6 TDs  
 Receiving: Kevin Payne, 41 rec., 488 yds., 3 TDs  
 Tackles: John Winchester, 91, 44 solo  
 Sacks: Travin Moore, 2  
 Interceptions: Chris Harris, 4 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Auburn	L
S. 18	#Arkansas	L
<b>S. 25</b>	<b>Arkansas State</b>	*
O. 2	at Wyoming	L
<b>O. 9</b>	<b>at Idaho</b>	*
O. 16	Florida International	W
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>at Florida Atlantic</b>	*
O. 30	at North Texas	L
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>Utah State</b>	*
N. 13	at Middle Tennessee	L
N. 20	UL Lafayette	L
	#Little Rock, AR	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at LSU	L	7-49
S. 6	S.F. Austin	L	21-23
S. 13	at Ole Miss	L	14-59
S. 20	Northwestern St.	L	10-14
S. 27	at Utah State	L	10-28
O. 4	at Arkansas State	L	41-44
O. 11	at UL Lafayette	W	45-42
O. 25	N. Mexico State	L	14-21
N. 1	at Auburn	L	7-73
N. 8	North Texas	L	26-28
N. 15	Idaho	L	20-58
N. 22	at Troy State	L	24-28

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.9 ppg	96
Rushing	98.8 ypg	109
Passing	221.0 ypg	55
Total	319.8 ypg	100
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.9 ppg	116
Rushing	182.4 ypg	86
Passing	232.2 ypg	78
Total	414.6 ypg	86
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-19	-1.58	114

Head Coach: Charlie Weatherbie

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 1-11 (1-6)





## Offense

Say goodbye to the triple-option offense that was installed under former coach Jim Grobe in the mid-1990s. Instead, the Bobcats will build from the ground up by taking to the air. New offensive coordinator Phil Earley, who spent the past four years at Nevada, has been hired to run a one-back passing offense.

"I think it's just got everybody excited because it's so different from what we ran before," senior Ray Huston says. Huston, along with Stafford Owens, will move from running back to slot receiver in the new offense. That will open spots in the backfield for Brad Young, John Taylor and Chris Jackson. Young rushed for 319 yards with a 4.3 yards-per-carry average last fall.

Austen Everson and Ryan Hawk, a transfer from Miami (Ohio), will battle for the right to run the Bobcats' new attack. Hawk led Ohio with 765 passing yards and four touchdowns last season despite playing most of the year with an injured throwing elbow. He has a slight edge because of his familiarity with the new offense, which is similar to what Miami runs. The coaching staff initially planned to redshirt Everson in 2003, but injuries to Hawk and Fred Ray forced the freshman into action.

Wide receiver Scott Mayle emerged as a pleasant surprise as a deep threat last season, catching 25 passes for 515 yards with four scores. Anthony Hackett hauled in 26 passes.

### NUMBERS GAME

**78** Ohio was outscored by 78 points (166-88) after halftime in 2003. As a result, the Bobcats lost five games in which it led in the second half.

## Defense

Ravaged by injury, especially at linebacker, the Ohio defense will look to rebound in 2004. Five of the top eight linebackers suffered sea-

son-ending injuries in 2003, including three preseason starters. Inside linebacker Dennis Chukwuemeka anchored the Bobcats' 3-4 scheme and led the team with 100 tackles. End Kevin Carberry will be looked to for leadership up front.

The secondary will feature a significant position change for the second straight year. After Rob Stover made the jump from outside linebacker to strong safety last season, Chip Cox will go from cornerback to safety this year. That will open up the cornerback spots for T.J. Wright and Dion Byrum. Pressed into duty as a freshman last year, Wright led Ohio with three interceptions.

## Specialists

Ohio must improve its kicking game after a dismal 2003 season. Incumbent placekicker Greg DiMarino will battle Craig Donahue and freshman Brooks Rossman for the starting job this season. Matt Miller, who had off-season shoulder surgery, will be the punter.

## Final Analysis

The Bobcats' ability to finally get things right under Knorr, who has a 7-28 record in three seasons, will largely depend on the success of the new offensive scheme. Both Everson and Hawk should be more comfortable in the passing-based offense. If the offensive line stays healthy and the running game can provide some balance, the Ohio offense could put up big numbers.

All the offense in the world, however, won't earn many victories if the defense doesn't improve. Crippled by injuries and a lack of depth, the Bobcats routinely broke down in the second half of games last season. That must change.

If a significant improvement in the win column isn't seen in 2004, coordinators and graduating seniors might not be the only ones getting replaced come 2005.

## MAC East Prediction: 6th



Dennis Chukwuemeka

## Depth Chart

### Offense (6)

WR 82 Scott Mayle (So.)	86 Keyon Ingram (Sr.)
WR 4 Anthony Hackett (Jr.)	30 Justin Fitzgerald (Fr.)
WR 29 Ray Huston (Sr.)	7 Stafford Owens (Sr.)
LT 77 Dennis Thompson (Sr.)	70 Dave Williams (Sr.)
LG 74 Shane Yates (Jr.)	53 J.J. Knabb (So.)
C 75 Mike Nelson (Jr.)	69 Ralph Bracamonte (Sr.)
RG 78 Matt Coppage (So.)	57 Cole Wesley (Jr.)
RT 66 Steve Lawrence (Sr.)	53 J.J. Knabb (So.)
TE Dave Cody (Jr.)	Rudy Sylvan (Jr.)
QB 12 Ryan Hawk (Sr.)	9 Austen Everson (So.)
RB 28 Brad Young (Jr.)	3 John Taylor (So.)

### Defense (8)

DE 98 Kevin Carberry (Sr.)	Zach Kiesch (Jr.)
NG 93 David Escobar (So.)	92 Perrier Paul (Jr.)
DE 91 Garrett Bush (Sr.)	73 Paul Johnson (Fr.)
OLB 6 Matron Church (So.)	44 Charles Terry (Sr.)
ILB 2 Dennis Chukwuemeka (Sr.)	50 Matt Muncy (So.)
ILB 31 Pete Brately (Sr.)	50 Matt Muncy (So.)
OLB 26 Tyler Russ (So.)	46 Taj Henley (Fr.)
CB 9 T.J. Wright (So.)	32 Damion Booth (Fr.)
CB 15 Dion Byrum (Jr.)	24 Rahman Shavers (Sr.)
FS 11 Chip Cox (Sr.)	16 Rashad Butler (Sr.)
SS 23 Rob Stover (Sr.)	5 Andrei Bradford (Sr.)

### Special Teams

K 18 Greg DiMarino (Jr.)	KR 8 Chris Jackson (So.)
P 14 Matt Miller (Jr.)	PR 15 Dion Byrum (Jr.)

### Returning Leaders

Passing: Ryan Hawk, 100-49-765-3, 4 TDs

Rushing: Ray Huston, 87 car., 319 yds., 4 TDs

Brad Young, 75 car., 319 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Anthony Hackett, 26 rec., 452 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Dennis Chukwuemeka, 100, 69 solo

Sacks: Rob Stover, 4

Kevin Carberry, 4

Interceptions: T.J. Wright, 3 for 119 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4 VMI	W
S. 11 at Pittsburgh	L
S. 18 at Miami (OH)	L
<b>S. 25 Buffalo</b>	*
O. 2 at Kentucky	L
O. 9 Marshall	L
O. 16 at Toledo	L
O. 23 Bowling Green	L
O. 30 at Kent State	*
N. 6 at UCF	L
N. 13 Akron	L

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 28 SE Missouri State	W 17-3
S. 6 at Iowa State	L 20-48
S. 13 Minnesota	L 20-42
S. 27 Western Michigan	L 32-39
O. 4 at Northern Illinois	L 23-30
O. 11 UCF	W 28-0
O. 18 at Kentucky	L 14-35
O. 25 at Buffalo	L 17-26
N. 8 Kent State	L 33-37
N. 15 at Akron	L 28-35
N. 22 Miami (OH)	L 31-49
N. 28 at Marshall	L 0-28

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	86
Rushing	183.4 ypg	30
Passing	154.3 ypg	106
Total	337.7 ypg	89
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.0 ppg	88
Rushing	150.0 ypg	51
Passing	219.8 ypg	58
Total	369.8 ypg	54
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Brian Knorr

2003 Record (MAC): 2-10 (1-7)





## Offense

Buffalo ranked 114th in the nation in scoring offense last year (14.8 ppg), and this was one year after the Bulls averaged just under 18 points per game.

Coach Jim Hoffer will once again run the offense, which will emphasize the run. Although junior starter P.J. Piskorik returns at quarterback, the Bulls need more consistency at the position, and Piskorik may not hold onto the job. Sophomore Stewart Sampsel and red-shirt freshmen Chris Moore looked good in the spring, and senior Randall Secky was solid, as well.

"We've never been in a position with that kind of competitive experience returning," Hoffer says. "They've proven to be slightly different in style and we don't really care. The end result is performance and production and it's eliminating errors first and allowing yourself to make a play second."

The competition at tailback also will be lively. The top six rushing leaders return, including juniors Dave Dawson and Aaron Leeper and sophomores Chris McDuffie, Jared Patterson and Steven King. Combined, this group averaged an impressive 4.6 yards per carry and scored 10 touchdowns.

Senior wideout Matt Knueven rebounded from an injury-plagued sophomore season to pace the team in receptions, yards and touchdowns, but no other wideout had more than 14 catches.

## NUMBERS GAME

**6** Buffalo's quarterbacks threw just six touchdown passes during the entire 2003 season.

## Defense

This is group was as bad as it gets in the country. Four teams scored 40 points or more and three scored over 50.

Somehow there's good news. The return of junior defensive end Anthony Andriano, who missed all of last season with a foot injury, helps. He is explosive off the edges, as is red-shirt freshman Andrae Smith, who figures to have an immediate impact.

At linebacker, sophomore Ramon Guzman, who was recruited heavily by Syracuse, has moved over from fullback and is arguably the team's best athlete. The status of junior cornerback Kevin Concepcion, who served a university-mandated suspension last season, is uncertain after he was suspended yet again during the spring.

## Specialists

Expect a pair of true freshmen to take over. Kicker Gerry McGroarty from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is a two-time all-state selection whose 64-yard field goal is the longest in state history. Punter Ben Woods from Hermitage, Pa., averaged 43.1 yards per punt as a senior.

## Final Analysis

Four of Buffalo's first six games are on the road in what figures to be another challenging schedule. The MAC crossover games, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan, look winnable on paper, but both programs have new coaches which generally means renewed enthusiasm.

Buffalo has won a total of two games over the past two seasons, and the school's administration wants to see some progress in 2004. That places Hoffer squarely on the hot seat.

The running game should be solid again, but whoever plays behind center will dictate how far this team will go.

Defensively, look for Buffalo to be improved with the return of Andriano and Guzman shifting to linebacker. Another one-win season would be a major setback and could send Buffalo searching for its third head coach in five seasons.

## MAC East Prediction: 7th



Matt Knueven

## Depth Chart

### Offense (7)

WR	85 Matt Knueven (Sr.)	82 DeSean Larmond (So.)
WR	83 Gabe McClover (Jr.)	24 Terrance Breaux (Fr.)
LT	74 Zack Love (Jr.)	76 Terrance Miles (Jr.)
LG	59 Mike Schifano (Jr.)	78 Gerry Weissinger (So.)
C	65 Eric Weber (Sr.)	68 Art Stressing (Jr.)
RG	79 Eric Zeppuhar (Sr.)	73 Tim Schmidt (So.)
RT	77 Luke Johnson (Jr.)	76 Terrance Miles (Jr.)
TE	80 Chad Upshaw (So.)	88 Brian Miller (Sr.)
QB	13 P.J. Piskorik (Jr.)	15 Stewart Sampsel (So.)
FB	41 Tyrone Wilson (Sr.)	25 Ekeh Ibekweh (Fr.)
TB	22 Dave Dawson (Jr.)	21 Aaron Leeper (Jr.)

### Defense (6)

DE	37 Phil Jacques (Jr.)	97 Andrae Smith (Fr.)
NG	94 Sagan Atuatasi (Sr.)	92 Bill Meholf (Jr.)
DT	62 Rob Schroeder (Jr.)	87 Marck Abraham (So.)
DE	56 Anthony Andriano (Jr.)	49 Aaron Sanders (Jr.)
OLB	50 Ramon Guzman (So.)	34 James Vann (So.)
ILB	44 Rodney Morris (Sr.)	99 Rich Sanders (Jr.)
OLB	46 Bryan Cummings (Jr.)	47 Todd Robertson (Fr.)
CB	32 Delando Bradford (So.)	36 Michelin Ambroise (Sr.)
CB	28 Brandon Smith (So.)	38 Stephen Thomas (Jr.)
SS	6 Gemara Williams (Jr.)	25 R. Sherwood-Ericsson (So.)
FS	29 J.J. Gibson (Sr.)	5 Zack Carter (Fr.)

### Special Teams

K	Gerry McGroarty (Fr.)	KR	22 Dave Dawson (Jr.)
P	Ben Woods (Fr.)	PR	85 Matt Knueven (Sr.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** P.J. Piskorik, 162-85-824-3, 6 TDs  
**Rushing:** Dave Dawson, 128 car., 678 yds., 1 TD  
**Receiving:** Matt Knueven, 47 rec., 622 yds., 4 TDs  
**Tackles:** Gemara Williams, 81, 53 solo  
**Sacks:** J.J. Gibson, 3  
**Interceptions:** Gemara Williams, 2 for 47 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • **BOLD** indicates returning starters

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 2	at Eastern Michigan *
S. 11	Syracuse L
S. 18	at Nevada L
S. 25	at Ohio *
O. 2	UCF L
O. 9	at Akron L
O. 16	Miami (OH) L
O. 23	at Marshall L
N. 6	Kent State *
N. 13	Central Michigan *
N. 20	at Connecticut L

\* Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Rutgers	L	10-24
S. 6	at Iowa	L	7-56
S. 13	Colgate	L	15-38
S. 20	Connecticut	L	7-38
S. 27	Akron	L	21-38
O. 4	at UCF	L	10-19
O. 11	at Miami (OH)	L	3-59
O. 18	Marshall	L	16-26
O. 25	Ohio	W	26-17
N. 1	at Toledo	L	29-56
N. 8	Northern Illinois	L	9-40
N. 22	at Kent State	L	24-34

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.8 ppg	114
Rushing	168.8 ypg	43
Passing	121.8 ypg	113
Total	290.6 ypg	112
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	37.1 ppg	111
Rushing	222.8 ypg	110
Passing	253.3 ypg	93
Total	476.2 ypg	114
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-2	-0.17	73

Head Coach: Jim Hoffer

2003 Record (MAC): 1-11 (1-7)



## ARMY

black knights



## Offense

A new coaching regime means new offensive formations, including more two-back sets. But who is going to be the quarterback in coach Bobby Ross' offense? Junior Zac Dahman is the most experienced, but he struggled mightily at times last season. Senior Reggie Nevells is the most athletic quarterback on the roster, but a leg injury limited him to three games in 2003 after he began the season as the starter. Senior Matt Silva is also in the mix.

The running game ranked last in the nation in 2003 with a paltry 63.5 yards per game. Returning starter Carlton Jones, impressive sophomore Tielor Robinson and junior Seth Gulsby will handle the bulk of the carries. A veteran offensive line, led by senior tackle Joel Glover, appears healthy and should be much more productive. "The top priority to me is to establish a tough and hard-nosed running game," Ross says. "I think we made some really good progress in that area."

Ross has plenty to work with at receiver. Seniors Aaron Alexander and William White combined for 104 receptions. There is experienced depth that includes Lamar Mason and Jacob Murphy, who impressed during the spring.

## NUMBERS GAME

**1996** Army has not won the Commander in Chief's Trophy since 1996. The 170-pound trophy is awarded annually to the winner of the Army, Navy and Air Force competition. The last time the Black Knights beat either team was with a victory over Navy in 2001.

## Defense

The Black Knights will employ 4-2-5 and 3-4 alignments with Curt Daniels serving in the role of rover. Linebacker Greg Washington is the leading returning tackler, and linebacker Matt Maimone provides plenty of speed.

Injuries prevented the line from establishing

much continuity a year ago, but everybody should be healthy heading into fall practice. The unit could get a big lift if senior pass-rushing end Odene Brathwaite can play with more consistency.

"Defensively, my main concern has been to be able to defend the run," Ross says. "That has turned out to be a positive experience for us."

A wealth of experience returns in the secondary. Senior Delente Brewer and junior Ray Stith man the corners with juniors Dhyhan Tarver and Rob Davis among the more seasoned at safety.

## Specialists

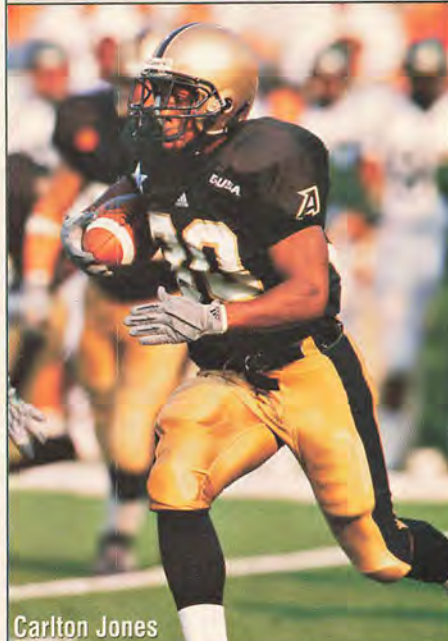
The roster is without a kicker who attempted a field goal last season. The answer could be sophomore placekicker Austin Miller, who may see double duty, though Tom Dyrenforth and Alex Bradford will be given an opportunity to win the punting job.

The return game is in fine shape with White and Mason on kicks and Stith on punts.

## Final Analysis

Under heavy criticism from alumni after the past four seasons produced a 5-42 record, the administration at West Point felt compelled to reach out and bring in a big name to settle the program and get things pointed in the right direction. After all, the Naval Academy operates under the same parameters and the Middies went to a bowl last year. The appointment of the 67-year-old Ross, who has won both in college and the NFL, gives Black Knights fans something to look forward to this season. Army does not have many standouts, and depth has been an issue in recent seasons. There are, however, are a number of returning veterans who will be valuable contributors, and a few younger players, most notably Robinson, who could make an impact. Still, it will be difficult for Army to finish anywhere but last place in its final season in Conference USA.

## C-USA Prediction: 11th



Carlton Jones

## Depth Chart

## Offense (9)

WR	19 Aaron Alexander (Sr.)	84 Walter Hill (So.)
WR	18 William White (Sr.)	17 Jacob Murphy (Jr.)
LT	75 Joel Glover (Sr.)	77 Jonathan Cannon (So.)
LG	71 Adam Wojcik (Sr.)	58 Miles Murray (So.)
C	65 David Evetts (Sr.)	51 Justin Troy (Sr.)
RG	67 Pete Bier (Jr.)	68 Jake Holly (Sr.)
RT	74 Seth Nieman (Sr.)	79 Nathan Collier (So.)
TE	91 Tim Dunn (So.)	93 Jared Ulekowski (Jr.)
QB	7 Zac Dahman (Jr.)	5 Reggie Nevells (Sr.)
FB	28 Tielor Robinson (So.)	43 Jacob Miraldi (So.)
TB	30 Carlton Jones (Jr.)	10 Seth Gulsby (Jr.)

## Defense (9)

DE	78 Ryan Johnson (Sr.)	94 Cameron Craig (So.)
DT	98 Will Sullivan (Sr.)	69 Seth Lotts (Jr.)
DT	50 Trey Landry (Sr.)	58 Dan Evans (Jr.)
DE	95 Odene Brathwaite (Sr.)	92 Tommy Ryan (Jr.)
LB	16 Greg Washington (Sr.)	32 Barrett Scruggs (So.)
LB	44 Matt Maimone (Sr.)	39 Cason Shrode (So.)
ROV	31 Curt Daniels (Sr.)	46 Chuck Wilke (Jr.)
CB	37 Delente Brewer (Sr.)	38 Jonathan Lewis (Sr.)
CB	29 Ray Stith (Jr.)	26 Sean Grevious (So.)
SS	3 Mikel Resnick (Sr.)	42 Taylor Justice (Jr.)
FS	20 Dhyhan Tarver (Jr.)	34 Rob Davis (Jr.)

## Special Teams

K	21 Austin Miller (So.)	KR	18 William White (Sr.)
P	47 Tom Dyrenforth (Jr.)	PR	29 Ray Stith (Jr.)

## Returning Leaders

Passing: Zac Dahman, 436-230-2, 234-19, 11 TDs  
 Rushing: Carlton Jones, 194 car., 632 yds., 6 TDs  
 Receiving: Aaron Alexander, 64 rec., 861 yds., 6 TDs  
 Tackles: Greg Washington, 129, 66 solo  
 Sacks: Odene Brathwaite, 3.5  
 Interceptions: Greg Washington, 3 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 11	Louisville	L
S. 18	at Houston	L
S. 25	at Connecticut	L
O. 2	TCU	L
O. 9	Cincinnati	L
O. 16	at South Florida	L
O. 30	at East Carolina	L
N. 6	Air Force	L
N. 13	at Tulane	*
N. 20	UAB	L
D. 4	#Navy	L
	#Philadelphia, PA	

\*Games in bold represent swing games  
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

## 2003 RESULTS

S. 6	Connecticut	L	21-48
S. 13	Rutgers	L	21-36
S. 20	Tulane	L	33-50
S. 27	South Florida	L	0-28
O. 4	at TCU	L	0-27
O. 11	at Louisville	L	10-34
O. 18	East Carolina	L	32-38
O. 25	at Cincinnati	L	29-33
N. 1	at UAB	L	9-24
N. 8	at Air Force	L	3-31
N. 15	Houston	L	14-34
N. 22	at Hawaii	L	28-59
D. 6	at Navy	L	6-34

## 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.9 ppg	111
Rushing	63.5 ypg	117
Passing	207.2 ypg	68
Total	270.8 ypg	115
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	36.6 ppg	110
Rushing	210.8 ypg	106
Passing	253.4 ypg	94
Total	464.2 ypg	111
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-20	-1.54	113

Head Coach: Bobby Ross

2003 Record (C-USA): 0-13 (0-8)



## Offense

New coach Nick Holt promises to use a spread offense that will often operate out of a one-back formation.

Junior Michael Harrington, the younger brother of Detroit Lions quarterback Joey Harrington, is expected to run the show. Harrington started a handful of games last season and was effective at times but didn't deliver enough points.

The good news is that he has most of his top receivers back from a year ago, including Orlando Winston, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. Tight end Luke Smith-Anderson, who has played in only one game the past two years because of knee injuries, appears to be healthy.

The concerns for the Vandals are finding the one back — Cliff Mason appears to be the favorite — for the offense. Mason had a solid spring both running and catching the ball.

Depth on the offensive line is a concern, though a trio of 300-pound sophomores Jade Tadvick, Hank Therien and Nate VanderPol is a nice place to start.

## NUMBERS GAME

**11** The Vandals have won only 11 games in the past four seasons. New head coach Nick Holt was part of a USC team that won 12 games last year and shared the national championship.

## Defense

Instead of a read and react style of defense, Holt is adamant that his defense begin dictating what opposing offenses will do.

"We want to get the ball back for our offense," Holt says. "We're going to attack from all angles."

Holt says the Vandals will utilize multiple defenses, and junior Mike Anderson, the top

tackler last season, could play a variety of positions this season. Anderson is still expected to see action at middle linebacker, but he could line up as a defensive end as well.

Brandon Kania is another proven pass rusher, while the strength of the Idaho defense could be in the secondary, where a handful of veterans return. It's also the position Idaho stocked up on in recruiting.

## Specialists

Sophomore Mike Barrow is about the only dependable player on Idaho's special teams. The kicker made 5-of-8 field goals last season as an occasional starter. He had a solid spring and appears to have the confidence to kick this fall.

Holt is counting on a bunch of newcomers to see action on all special teams. Idaho did lose its top two return specialists, Matt Miller and Cedric Thompson, as well as stellar punter Ryan Downes.

## Final Analysis

Idaho is clearly a program in transition. Holt's biggest task will be to instill a winning attitude in a team that simply hasn't won. The Vandals have just six victories in the past three seasons, and Holt's biggest challenge could be switching the mentality in Moscow.

He'll get little help from a schedule that sees Idaho play four of its first five games away from home. The lone "home" game in that stretch is against Washington State — a game that will be played on Wazzu's home field but will count as an Idaho home game.

Holt's first game is at Boise State, which hasn't lost at home since 2001 and has a five-game winning streak over Idaho. The Vandals play only three true home games this season.

The good news is Idaho wasn't far from making noise in the Sun Belt a year ago. If the Vandals can grasp Holt's new offensive and defensive concepts, plus shake the losing attitude, 2004 could be a good year in Moscow.

## Sun Belt Prediction: 8th



Michael Harrington

## Depth Chart

### Offense (4)

WR	14 Orlando Winston (Sr.)	3 Jimmy Labita (Sr.)
WR	12 Jeff Stowe (Jr.)	19 Wendell Octave (So.)
LT	77 Hank Therien (So.)	59 Matt Newell (So.)
LG	50 Jade Tadvick (So.)	78 Geoff Zuber (So.)
C	63 Jarrod Schulte (Jr.)	79 Eric Nave (Fr.)
RG	67 Tony Kiel (Sr.)	71 Ryan Waage (Jr.)
RT	68 Nate VanderPol (So.)	60 John Neddo (Jr.)
TE	99 Luke Smith-Anderson (So.)	80 Keith Greer (So.)
QB	7 Michael Harrington (Jr.)	16 Brian Nooy (Fr.)
FB	36 Brian Yarno (Sr.)	1 Justin Wall (Sr.)
RB	1 Cliff Mason (So.)	1 Justin Wall (Sr.)

### Defense (2)

DE	86 Brandon Kania (Sr.)	6 Mike Bonelli (Jr.)
DT	92 Jeff Edwards (Jr.)	48 Tim Bertalot (Jr.)
DT	66 Michael Togatafu (Sr.)	Antonio Lindsey (Fr.)
DE	83 Andrew Stobart (So.)	29 Curtis Bibolet (Sr.)
SLB	13 Mike Anderson (Jr.)	27 Nate Nichols (Jr.)
MLB	47 Cole Snyder (Jr.)	44 Sam Tossie (Fr.)
WLB	28 Robert Davis (So.)	28 Robert Davis (So.)
CB	19 Chris Nathan (Sr.)	37 Eric McMillan (Fr.)
CB	8 J.R. Ruffin (Sr.)	Herbert Cash (Jr.)
SS	18 Brandon Mascorro (So.)	10 Lee Jones (Fr.)
FS	34 Jarvis Huff (Jr.)	22 Simeon Stewart (Sr.)

### Special Teams

K	43 Mike Barrow (So.)	KR	1 Cliff Mason (So.)
P	43 Mike Barrow (So.)	PR	1 Cliff Mason (So.)

### Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Michael Harrington, 196-90-996-8, 5 TDs  
**Rushing:** Cliff Mason, 28 car., 138 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Orlando Winston, 55 rec., 807 yds., 7 TDs  
**Tackles:** Mike Anderson, 97, 44 solo  
**Sacks:** Andrew Stobart, 3  
**Interceptions:** 4 players with 1 INT

### 2004 SCHEDULE

S. 4	at Boise State	L
S. 11	at Utah State	*
S. 18	Washington State	L
S. 25	at Oregon	L
O. 2	at Eastern Michigan	*
O. 9	UL Monroe	*
O. 16	UL Lafayette	L
O. 23	at Middle Tennessee	L
O. 30	at Troy State	L
N. 6	Arkansas State	*
N. 13	at North Texas	L
N. 20	at Hawaii	L

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 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

### 2003 RESULTS

A. 30	at Wash. State	L	0-25
S. 6	Eastern Wash.	L	5-8
S. 13	Boise State	L	10-24
S. 20	at Washington	L	14-45
S. 27	at Montana	L	28-41
O. 4	at New Mexico St.	W	35-31
O. 11	North Texas	L	14-24
O. 18	Middle Tenn. (ot)	L	21-28
O. 25	at UL Lafayette	L	20-31
N. 8	at Arkansas State	L	23-24
N. 15	at UL Monroe	W	58-20
N. 22	Utah State	W	20-13

### 2003 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.7 ppg	91
Rushing	125.0 ypg	86
Passing	254.8 ypg	33
Total	379.8 ypg	59
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.2 ppg	63
Rushing	216.8 ypg	108
Passing	199.3 ypg	29
Total	416.1 ypg	87
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	86

Head Coach: Nick Holt

2003 Record (Sun Belt): 3-9 (3-4)

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# Division I-AA

## 1. Southern Illinois (10-2)

**Top Player:** DB Alexis Moreland — The senior All-America candidate led the Salukis with 91 tackles while picking off two passes last year.

**Good News:** A pair of Division I-A transfers — Terry Jackson of Minnesota and Brandon Jacobs of Auburn — should relieve the loss of star running back Muhammad Abdulqadir.

**Bad News:** Last year's 48-7 playoff thrashing at Delaware could create doubt or serve as motivation — which will it be?

## 2. Wofford (12-2)

**Top Player:** OL Eric Deutsch — The senior All-America lineman paves the way for a rushing attack that ranked seventh in the nation last year.

**Good News:** RB Kevious Johnson, the 2003 SoCon Freshman of the Year, is one of nine starters returning from the Terriers' potent option offense.

**Bad News:** Wofford must find a replacement for emotional leader Matt Nelson, a safety who was named 2003 SoCon Defensive Player of the Year.

## 3. Delaware (15-1)

**Top Player:** DB Sidney Haugabrook — The senior made 84 tackles last year and has been a three-time all-conference selection.

**Good News:** Delaware returns nine starters on defense after allowing just 23 points in four playoff games on the way to the national title.

**Bad News:** Who's going to run the offense? Finding a replacement for quarterback Andy Hall is the biggest question mark for the Blue Hens.

## 4. Georgia Southern (7-4)

**Top Player:** RB Jermaine Austin — The Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year gained 1,461 yards as a sophomore.

**Good News:** In addition to Austin, the Eagles return senior quarterback Chaz Williams and 18 other starters from last season's 7-4 group.

**Bad News:** GSU must recover more than five fumbles, a stat that ranked 117th out of 121 Division I-AA teams last year.

## 5. Montana (9-4)

**Top Player:** RB Justin Green — The senior galloped for 1,146 yards and 14 touchdowns to lead the Grizzlies to their 11th-straight playoff berth.

**Good News:** Quarterback Craig Ochs, a former transfer from Colorado, looked good in spring practice after battling through injuries last year in his first season with the Grizzlies.

**Bad News:** The offensive line needs to be rebuilt after the loss of three all-conference selections, but Montana always has plenty of big bodies.

## 6. Villanova (7-4)

**Top Player:** WR J.J. Outlaw — The junior receiver could be primed for a big year after catching 54 passes for 704 yards in 2003.

**Good News:** The Wildcats led the Atlantic 10 in total defense last year and should be even better this fall.

**Bad News:** The health of quarterback Joe Casamento is a question mark after the junior injured his shoulder last year.

## 7. Colgate (15-1)

**Top Player:** RB Jamaal Branch — The senior will attempt to become the first back-to-back winner of the Walter Payton Award.

**Good News:** Quarterback Chris Brown, who threw for 2,832 yards and 22 touchdowns, joins Branch to give the Raiders a potent offensive attack.

**Bad News:** Three of the top six offensive linemen have graduated, as has linebacker Tem Lukabu, the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year.

## 8. Furman (6-5)

**Top Player:** LB Mike Killian — The senior made 134 tackles last year, leading a unit that ranked first in the country in pass defense.

**Good News:** Quarterback Ingle Martin, a transfer from Florida, upgrades the offense for the experienced Paladins.

**Bad News:** Despite the lofty pass defense ranking, Furman sacked the quarterback a paltry 10 times last season.

## 9. Northern Iowa (10-3)

**Top Player:** RB Terrance Freney — The junior was named All-Gateway Conference after running for 1,261 yards and 16 touchdowns last year.

**Good News:** Senior quarterback Tom Petrie is one of nine starters returning from an offense that averaged 30 points last season.

**Bad News:** The Panthers graduated All-America defensive end Matt Mitchell and must find two productive replacements at linebacker.

## 10. Western Kentucky (9-4)

**Top Player:** RB Lerron Moore — The junior led the Gateway in rushing with 1,490 yards and 13 touchdowns last year.

**Good News:** The Hilltoppers have plenty of offensive firepower with Moore and quarterback Justin Haddix returning.

**Bad News:** The top two linebackers have graduated from a defense that ranked sixth in the nation in yards allowed (283.7).

## 11. McNeese State (10-2)

**Top Player:** QB Scott Pendarvis — The senior was named second-team all-conference after throwing for 2,186 yards and 18 touchdowns last year.

**Good News:** The Cowboys should put plenty of pressure on opposing quarterbacks with the return of all-conference lineman John Paul Jones.

**Bad News:** Seven players who earned first-team All-Southland honors are gone, including league Player of the Year B.J. Sams.

## 12. Maine (7-5)

**Top Player:** QB Ron Whitcomb — The sophomore was named A-10 Freshman of the Year after throwing for 2,428 yards and 21 touchdowns.

**Good News:** RB Marcus Williams returns after eclipsing 1,000 yards for the second consecutive season. He headlines a veteran offense.

**Bad News:** Inexperienced linebackers are a concern, but more worrisome could be a non-conference schedule that includes Montana and Mississippi State.

## 13. Stephen F. Austin (7-4)

**Top Player:** QB Michael Williams — The senior was named the top signal-caller in the Southland after throwing for 1,106 yards and running for another 378.

**Good News:** The Lumberjacks added depth to an already solid running back corps with the addition of Texas A&M transfer Derek Farmer.

**Bad News:** The secondary must be rebuilt after the graduation of three starters from a unit that led the league in interceptions.

## 14. Montana State (7-6)

**Top Player:** QB Travis Lulay — The junior threw for 2,568 yards last year to help the Bobcats claim their second straight Big Sky title.

**Good News:** Linebackers Roger Cooper and Mac Mollohan highlight a defense that ranked ninth in the nation in scoring defense.

**Bad News:** With the graduation of leading rusher Bruce Molock, the Bobcats are extremely thin and untested in the backfield.



## 15. Western Illinois (9-4)

**Top Player:** RB Travis Glasford — The junior rambled for 1,368 yards and a Gateway Conference-high 20 touchdowns last year.

**Good News:** Seven offensive starters are back, including leading receiver Reggie Gray, from a team that ranked sixth in the nation in scoring.

**Bad News:** The Leathernecks need to find someone to run their potent offense following the graduation of all-conference quarterback Russ Michna.

## 16. Appalachian State (7-4)

**Top Player:** DB Corey Lynch — The sophomore recorded 57 tackles and snared six interceptions as a rookie last year.

**Good News:** Starting quarterback Richie Williams is back, along with leading rushing Alan Atwater, who gained 873 yards as a freshman.

**Bad News:** The Mountaineers lost All-American defensive end K.T. Stovall and may not have enough experience to challenge in the SoCon.

## 17. North Carolina A&T (10-3)

**Top Player:** DL Rickie Lewis — The junior led the MEAC's top defense with 7.5 sacks and 14.5 tackles for a loss.

**Good News:** Nine starters return on offense, meaning the Aggies should improve upon last year's 22.6 points per game.

**Bad News:** The stifling defense that ranked third in the nation in yards allowed per game has to be overhauled after the loss of eight starters.

## 18. Northwestern State (6-6)

**Top Player:** LB Jamall Johnson — The senior recorded a league-high 117 tackles on his way to first-team All-Southland honors last year.

**Good News:** Running backs Derrick Johnese and Shelton Sampson are a potent ground duo that combined for 1,635 yards and 18 TDs in 2003.

**Bad News:** The Demons must survive a non-conference schedule that includes games against I-A bottom-feeder Louisiana-Lafayette and traditional I-AA power Appalachian State.

## 19. Northeastern (8-4)

**Top Player:** LB Liam Ezekiel — The senior linebacker earned All-America honors last year after recording 140 tackles and 5.5 sacks.

**Good News:** Senior quarterback Shawn Brady directs an offense that set a school record with 414 points last year.

**Bad News:** The Huskies lost bruising tailback Tim Gale from a team that finished ninth in the nation in rushing offense.

## 20. Grambling State (9-3)

**Top Player:** QB Bruce Eugene — The senior quarterback and two-time All-American threw for 3,805 yards and 34 touchdowns last year.

**Good News:** Mammoth offensive lineman Darryl Rodgers should ensure that Eugene has plenty of time to throw.

**Bad News:** Four of the top five tacklers are gone from a unit that was among the worst in the SWAC against the pass.

## 21. Northern Arizona (9-4)

**Top Player:** QB Jason Murrietta — The sophomore earned Big Sky Offensive Player of the Year honors last season after throwing for 3,472 yards and 29 touchdowns as a rookie.

**Good News:** Linebacker Bruce Branch is one of seven starters back from a defense that ranked second in the Big Sky against the run.

**Bad News:** Despite the return of Murrietta, the Lumberjacks lost eight offensive starters from the conference's most productive unit last year.

## I-AA Preseason All-American Team

### Offense

QB	Bruce Eugene	6'0"	245	Sr.	Grambling State
RB	Charles Anthony	5'10"	185	Sr.	Tennessee State
RB	Jamaal Branch	6'0"	209	Sr.	Colgate
WR	Efrem Hill	6'2"	185	Sr.	Samford
WR	Vincent Jackson	6'6"	235	Sr.	Northern Colorado
TE	Adam Bergen	6'5"	260	Sr.	Lehigh
OL	Buster Ashley	6'4"	300	Sr.	Western Kentucky
OL	Adam Bourget	6'3"	295	Sr.	Northeastern
OL	Eric Deutsch	6'3"	315	Sr.	Wofford
OL	Fred Layne	6'4"	295	Sr.	Western Illinois
OL	Elmer McDaniel	5'11"	300	Sr.	Southern Illinois

### Defense

DL	Darrell Adams	6'4"	250	Jr.	Villanova
DL	Brady Fosmark	6'3"	240	Jr.	Weber State
DL	Eric Hadley	6'2"	257	Sr.	Georgia Southern
DL	John Paul Jones	6'3"	312	Sr.	McNeese State
LB	Liam Ezekiel	6'1"	245	Sr.	Northeastern
LB	Boomer Grigsby	6'1"	241	Sr.	Illinois State
LB	Kevin Talley	6'0"	230	Sr.	Norfolk State
DB	Cortland Finnegan	5'9"	180	Jr.	Samford
DB	Sidney Haugabrook	5'10"	180	Sr.	Delaware
DB	Alexis Moreland	6'1"	205	Sr.	Southern Illinois
DB	Mario Williams	6'2"	206	Sr.	Gardner-Webb

### Specialists

K	Stephen Carroll	5'11"	182	Sr.	Illinois State
P	Graham Whitlock	5'11"	203	Sr.	Gardner-Webb
KR	Chris Crawford	5'10"	180	Jr.	Nicholls State
PR	Darrell Jones	5'8"	185	Sr.	Cal Poly

## 22. Lehigh (8-3)

**Top Player:** TE Adam Bergen — The senior All-American caught 70 passes for 840 and six touchdowns last year.

**Good News:** Senior quarterback Kyle Keating has been a productive part-time starter the last two years and should keep Lehigh's offense among the best in the Patriot League.

**Bad News:** Graduation claimed four All-Conference performers from a defense that limited opponents to 16.8 points per game.

## 23. Southern (12-1)

**Top Player:** RB Kenneth Peoples — The senior earned All-SWAC honors last year after rushing for 1,000 yards and six touchdowns.

**Good News:** The offensive line is an experienced group — that's a good starting point for a team that led the nation in scoring last year.

**Bad News:** The Jaguars need to replace departed quarterback Quincy Richard, last year's SWAC Offensive Player of the Year.

## 24. Bethune-Cookman (9-3)

**Top Player:** LB Jamal Muhammad — The former Ohio State transfer led the Wildcats with 86 tackles and had 14 tackles for a loss and six sacks.

**Good News:** The offense has some nice building blocks in running back Rodney Johnson, receiver Eric Weems and lineman Julius Franklin.

**Bad News:** It will be difficult to replace do-everything quarterback Allen Suber and dominant defensive end Steve Baggs, last year's MEAC Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively.

## 25. Gardner-Webb (8-4)

**Top Player:** DB Mario Williams — The senior safety was named Big South Defensive Player of the Year after making 118 tackles and snaring three interceptions.

**Good News:** Quarterback Nick Roberts is back, and four of the top five tacklers also return.

**Bad News:** The Bulldogs lost their top rusher and top receiving threat, and have little experience at either position.





# Presents 2004 I-A College Football Schedules

## ACC

### CLEMSON (9-4)

Clemson, SC  
S. 4 Wake Forest  
S. 11 Georgia Tech  
S. 18 at Texas A&M  
S. 25 at Florida State  
O. 7 at Virginia  
O. 16 Utah State  
O. 23 Maryland  
O. 30 NC State  
N. 6 at Miami  
N. 13 at Duke  
N. 20 South Carolina

### DUKE (4-8)

Durham, NC  
S. 4 at Navy  
S. 11 at Connecticut  
S. 18 at Virginia Tech  
S. 25 Maryland  
O. 7 The Citadel  
O. 16 at Georgia Tech  
O. 23 Virginia  
O. 30 at Wake Forest  
N. 6 at Florida State  
N. 13 Clemson  
N. 20 North Carolina

### FLORIDA STATE (10-3)

Tallahassee, FL  
S. 6 at Miami  
S. 18 UAB  
S. 25 Clemson  
O. 2 North Carolina  
O. 9 at Syracuse  
O. 16 Virginia  
O. 23 at Wake Forest  
O. 30 at Maryland  
N. 6 Duke  
N. 11 at NC State  
N. 20 Florida

### GEORGIA TECH (7-6)

Atlanta, GA  
S. 3 Sanford  
S. 11 at Clemson  
S. 18 at North Carolina  
O. 2 Miami  
O. 9 at Maryland  
O. 16 Duke  
O. 23 Virginia Tech  
N. 6 at NC State  
N. 13 Connecticut  
N. 20 Virginia  
N. 27 at Georgia

### MARYLAND (10-3)

College Park, MD  
S. 4 Northern Illinois  
S. 11 Temple  
S. 18 at West Virginia  
S. 25 at Duke  
O. 9 Georgia Tech  
O. 16 NC State  
O. 23 at Clemson  
O. 30 Florida State  
N. 6 at Virginia  
N. 18 at Virginia Tech  
N. 27 Wake Forest

### MIAMI (11-2)

Coral Gables, FL  
S. 6 Florida State  
S. 18 Louisiana Tech  
S. 23 at Houston  
S. 25 at Georgia Tech  
O. 14 Louisville  
O. 23 at NC State  
O. 30 at North Carolina  
N. 6 Clemson  
N. 13 at Virginia  
N. 20 Wake Forest  
N. 27 Virginia Tech

### NORTH CAROLINA (2-10)

Chapel Hill, NC  
S. 4 William & Mary  
S. 11 at Virginia  
S. 18 Georgia Tech  
S. 25 Louisville  
O. 2 at Florida State  
O. 9 NC State  
O. 16 at Utah  
O. 30 Miami  
N. 6 Virginia Tech  
N. 13 at Wake Forest  
N. 20 at Duke

### NC STATE (8-5)

Raleigh, NC  
S. 4 Richmond  
S. 18 Ohio State  
S. 25 at Virginia Tech  
O. 2 Wake Forest  
O. 9 at North Carolina  
O. 16 at Maryland  
O. 23 Miami  
O. 30 at Clemson  
N. 6 Georgia Tech  
N. 11 Florida State  
N. 27 East Carolina  
#Charlotte, NC

## VIRGINIA (8-5)

Charlottesville, VA  
S. 4 at Temple  
S. 11 North Carolina  
S. 18 Akron  
S. 25 Syracuse  
O. 7 Clemson  
O. 16 at Florida State  
O. 23 at Duke  
N. 6 Maryland  
N. 13 Miami  
N. 20 at Georgia Tech  
N. 27 at Virginia Tech

## VIRGINIA TECH (8-5)

Blacksburg, VA  
A. 28 #USC  
S. 11 Western Michigan  
S. 18 Duke  
S. 25 NC State  
O. 2 West Virginia  
O. 9 at Wake Forest  
O. 16 Florida A&M  
O. 28 at Georgia Tech  
N. 6 at North Carolina  
N. 18 Maryland  
N. 27 Virginia  
D. 4 at Miami  
#Landoover, MD

## WAKE FOREST (5-7)

Winston Salem, NC  
S. 4 at Clemson  
S. 11 at East Carolina  
S. 18 North Carolina A&T  
S. 25 Boston College  
O. 2 at NC State  
O. 9 Virginia Tech  
O. 23 Florida State  
O. 30 Duke  
N. 13 North Carolina  
N. 20 at Miami  
N. 27 at Maryland

## BIG EAST

### BOSTON COLLEGE (8-5)

Chestnut Hill, MA  
S. 2 at Ball State  
S. 11 Penn State  
S. 17 Connecticut  
S. 25 at Wake Forest  
O. 2 Massachusetts  
O. 16 at Pittsburgh  
O. 23 at Notre Dame  
N. 6 Rutgers  
N. 13 at West Virginia  
N. 20 at Temple  
N. 27 Syracuse

### CONNECTICUT (9-3)

Storrs, CT  
S. 4 Murray State  
S. 11 Duke  
S. 17 at Boston College  
S. 25 Army  
S. 30 Pittsburgh  
O. 13 West Virginia  
O. 23 Temple  
O. 30 at Syracuse  
N. 13 at Georgia Tech  
N. 20 Buffalo  
N. 25 at Rutgers

### PITTSBURGH (8-5)

Pittsburgh, PA  
S. 5 at South Florida  
S. 11 Ohio  
S. 18 Nebraska  
S. 25 Furman  
S. 30 at Connecticut  
O. 9 at Temple  
O. 16 Boston College  
O. 23 Rutgers  
N. 6 at Syracuse  
N. 13 at Notre Dame  
N. 25 West Virginia

### RUTGERS (5-7)

New Brunswick, NJ  
S. 4 Michigan State  
S. 11 New Hampshire  
S. 18 Kent State  
O. 2 at Syracuse  
O. 9 at Vanderbilt  
O. 16 Temple  
O. 23 at Pittsburgh  
O. 30 West Virginia  
N. 6 at Boston College  
N. 20 at Navy  
N. 25 Connecticut  
SYRACUSE (6-6)  
Syracuse, NY  
S. 4 Toledo  
S. 11 at Buffalo  
S. 18 Cincinnati  
S. 25 at Virginia  
O. 2 Rutgers  
O. 9 Florida State  
O. 21 at West Virginia  
O. 30 Connecticut  
N. 6 Pittsburgh  
N. 13 at Temple  
N. 27 at Boston College

## TEMPLE (1-11)

Philadelphia, PA  
S. 4 Virginia  
S. 11 at Maryland  
S. 18 Florida A&M  
S. 25 at Toledo  
O. 2 Bowling Green  
O. 9 Pittsburgh  
O. 16 at Rutgers  
O. 23 at Connecticut  
N. 6 at West Virginia  
N. 13 Syracuse  
N. 20 Boston College

## WEST VIRGINIA (8-5)

Morgantown, WV  
S. 4 East Carolina  
S. 11 at UCF  
S. 18 Maryland  
S. 25 James Madison  
O. 2 at Virginia Tech  
O. 13 at Connecticut  
O. 21 Syracuse  
O. 30 at Rutgers  
N. 6 Temple  
N. 13 Boston College  
N. 25 at Pittsburgh

## BIG TEN

### ILLINOIS (1-11)

Champaign, IL  
S. 4 Florida A&M  
S. 11 UCLA  
S. 18 Western Michigan  
S. 25 Purdue  
O. 2 at Wisconsin  
O. 9 at Michigan State  
O. 16 Michigan  
O. 23 at Minnesota  
O. 30 Iowa  
N. 6 Indiana  
N. 20 at Northwestern

### INDIANA (2-10)

Bloomington, IN  
S. 4 Central Michigan  
S. 11 at Oregon  
S. 18 at Kentucky  
S. 25 Michigan State  
O. 2 Michigan  
O. 9 at Northwestern  
O. 23 at Ohio State  
O. 30 Minnesota  
N. 6 at Illinois  
N. 13 Penn State  
N. 20 at Purdue

### IOWA (10-3)

Iowa City, IA  
S. 4 Kent State  
S. 11 Iowa State  
S. 18 at Arizona State  
S. 25 at Michigan  
O. 2 Michigan State  
O. 16 Ohio State  
O. 23 at Penn State  
O. 30 at Illinois  
N. 6 Purdue  
N. 13 at Minnesota  
N. 20 Wisconsin

### MICHIGAN (10-3)

Ann Arbor, MI  
S. 4 Miami (OH)  
S. 11 at Notre Dame  
S. 18 San Diego State  
S. 25 Iowa  
O. 2 at Indiana  
O. 9 Minnesota  
O. 16 at Illinois  
O. 23 at Purdue  
O. 30 Michigan State  
N. 13 Northwestern  
N. 20 at Ohio State

### MICHIGAN STATE (8-5)

East Lansing, MI  
S. 4 at Rutgers  
S. 11 Central Michigan  
S. 18 Notre Dame  
S. 25 at Indiana  
O. 2 at Iowa  
O. 9 Illinois  
O. 16 Minnesota  
O. 30 at Michigan  
N. 6 Ohio State  
N. 13 Wisconsin  
N. 20 at Penn State  
D. 4 at Hawaii

### MINNESOTA (10-3)

Minneapolis, MN  
S. 4 Toledo  
S. 11 Illinois State  
S. 18 at Colorado State  
S. 25 Northwestern  
O. 2 Penn State  
O. 9 at Michigan  
O. 16 at Michigan State  
O. 23 Illinois  
O. 30 at Indiana  
N. 6 Wisconsin  
N. 13 Iowa

## NORTHWESTERN (6-7)

Evanston, IL  
S. 2 at TCU  
S. 11 Arizona State  
S. 18 Kansas  
S. 25 at Minnesota  
O. 2 Ohio State  
O. 9 Indiana  
O. 23 at Wisconsin  
O. 30 Purdue  
N. 6 at Penn State  
N. 13 at Michigan  
N. 20 Illinois  
N. 27 at Hawaii

## OHIO STATE (11-2)

Columbus, OH  
S. 4 Cincinnati  
S. 11 Marshall  
S. 18 at NC State  
O. 2 at Northwestern  
O. 9 Wisconsin  
O. 16 at Iowa  
O. 23 Indiana  
O. 30 Penn State  
N. 6 at Michigan State  
N. 13 at Purdue  
N. 20 Michigan

## PENN STATE (3-9)

University Park, PA  
S. 4 Akron  
S. 11 at Boston College  
S. 18 UCF  
S. 25 at Wisconsin  
O. 2 at Minnesota  
O. 9 Purdue  
O. 23 Iowa  
O. 30 at Ohio State  
N. 6 Northwestern  
N. 13 at Indiana  
N. 20 Michigan State

## PURDUE (9-4)

West Lafayette, IN  
S. 5 Syracuse  
S. 11 Ball State  
S. 25 at Illinois  
O. 2 at Notre Dame  
O. 9 at Penn State  
O. 16 Wisconsin  
O. 23 Michigan  
O. 30 at Northwestern  
N. 6 at Iowa  
N. 13 Ohio State  
N. 20 Indiana

## WISCONSIN (7-6)

Madison, WI  
S. 4 UCF  
S. 11 UNLV  
S. 18 at Arizona  
S. 25 Penn State  
O. 2 Illinois  
O. 9 at Ohio State  
O. 16 at Purdue  
O. 23 Northwestern  
N. 6 Minnesota  
N. 13 at Michigan State  
N. 20 at Iowa

## BIG 12

### BAYLOR (3-9)

Waco, TX  
S. 4 at UAB  
S. 11 Texas State  
S. 25 North Texas  
O. 2 at Texas  
O. 9 Missouri  
O. 16 at Nebraska  
O. 23 Iowa State  
O. 30 Texas A&M  
N. 6 at Texas Tech  
N. 13 at Oklahoma State  
N. 20 Oklahoma

### COLORADO (5-7)

Boulder, CO  
S. 4 Colorado State  
S. 11 Washington State  
S. 18 North Texas  
O. 2 at Missouri  
O. 9 Oklahoma State  
O. 16 Iowa State  
O. 23 at Texas A&M  
O. 30 Texas  
N. 6 at Kansas  
N. 13 Kansas State  
N. 26 at Nebraska  
#Seattle, WA

### IOWA STATE (2-10)

Ames, IA  
S. 4 Northern Iowa  
S. 11 at Iowa  
S. 18 Northern Illinois  
O. 2 at Oklahoma State  
O. 9 Texas A&M  
O. 16 at Baylor  
O. 23 at Baylor  
O. 30 Kansas  
N. 6 Nebraska  
N. 20 at Kansas State  
N. 27 Missouri

## KANSAS (6-7)

Lawrence, KS  
S. 4 Tulsa  
S. 11 Toledo  
S. 18 at Northwestern  
S. 25 Texas Tech  
O. 2 at Nebraska  
O. 9 Kansas State  
O. 23 at Oklahoma  
O. 30 at Iowa State  
N. 6 Colorado  
N. 13 Texas  
N. 20 at Missouri

## KANSAS STATE (11-4)

Manhattan, KS  
S. 4 Western Kentucky  
S. 11 Fresno State  
S. 18 UL Lafayette  
O. 2 at Texas A&M  
O. 9 at Kansas  
O. 16 Oklahoma  
O. 23 Nebraska  
O. 30 Texas Tech  
N. 6 at Missouri  
N. 13 at Colorado  
N. 20 Iowa State

## MISSOURI (8-5)

Columbia, MO  
S. 4 Arkansas State  
S. 11 at Troy State  
S. 18 Ball State  
O. 2 Colorado  
O. 9 at Baylor  
O. 16 at Texas  
O. 23 Oklahoma State  
O. 30 at Nebraska  
N. 6 Kansas State  
N. 20 Kansas  
N. 27 at Iowa State

## NEBRASKA (10-3)

Lincoln, NE  
S. 4 Western Illinois  
S. 11 Southern Miss  
S. 18 at Pittsburgh  
O. 2 Kansas  
O. 9 at Texas Tech  
O. 16 Baylor  
O. 23 at Kansas State  
O. 30 Missouri  
N. 6 at Iowa State  
N. 13 at Oklahoma  
N. 26 Colorado

## OKLAHOMA (12-2)

Norman, OK  
S. 4 Bowling Green  
S. 11 Houston  
S. 18 Oregon  
O. 2 Texas Tech  
O. 9 #Texas  
O. 16 at Kansas State  
O. 23 Kansas  
O. 30 at Oklahoma State  
N. 6 at Texas A&M  
N. 13 Nebraska  
N. 20 at Baylor  
#Dallas, TX

## OKLAHOMA STATE (9-4)

Stillwater, OK  
S. 4 at UCLA  
S. 11 Tulsa  
S. 18 SMU  
O. 2 Iowa State  
O. 9 at Colorado  
O. 16 Texas A&M  
O. 23 at Missouri  
O. 30 Oklahoma  
N. 6 at Texas  
N. 13 Baylor  
N. 20 at Texas Tech

## TEXAS (10-3)

Austin, TX  
S. 4 North Texas  
S. 11 at Arkansas  
S. 25 Rice  
O. 2 Baylor  
O. 9 #Oklahoma  
O. 16 Missouri  
O. 23 at Texas Tech  
O. 30 at Colorado  
N. 6 Oklahoma State  
N. 13 at Kansas  
N. 26 Texas A&M  
#Dallas, TX

## TEXAS A&M (4-8)

College Station, TX  
S. 2 at Utah  
S. 11 Wyoming  
S. 18 Clemson  
O. 2 Kansas State  
O. 9 at Iowa State  
O. 16 at Oklahoma State  
O. 23 Colorado  
O. 30 at Baylor  
N. 6 Oklahoma  
N. 13 Texas Tech  
N. 26 at Texas

## TEXAS TECH (8-5)

Lubbock, TX  
S. 4 at SMU  
S. 11 at New Mexico  
S. 18 TCU  
S. 25 at Kansas  
O. 2 at Oklahoma  
O. 9 Nebraska  
O. 23 Texas  
O. 30 at Kansas State  
N. 6 Baylor  
N. 13 at Texas A&M  
N. 27 Oklahoma State

## C-USA

### ARMY (0-13)

West Point, NY  
S. 11 Louisville  
S. 18 at Houston  
S. 25 at Connecticut  
O. 2 TCU  
O. 9 Cincinnati  
O. 16 at South Florida  
O. 30 at East Carolina  
N. 6 Air Force  
N. 13 at Tulane  
N. 20 UAB  
D. 4 #Navy  
#Philadelphia, PA

### CINCINNATI (5-7)

Cincinnati, OH  
S. 4 at Ohio State  
S. 11 Miami (OH)  
S. 18 at Syracuse  
S. 25 at East Carolina  
O. 2 UAB  
O. 9 at Army  
O. 23 Memphis  
O. 30 TCU  
N. 6 at Southern Miss  
N. 20 South Florida  
N. 27 at Louisville

### EAST CAROLINA (1-11)

Greenville, NC  
S. 4 at West Virginia  
S. 11 Wake Forest  
S. 25 Cincinnati  
O. 2 at Louisville  
O. 9 Tulane  
O. 23 at Southern Miss  
O. 30 Army  
N. 6 at Houston  
N. 13 at South Florida  
N. 20 Memphis  
N. 27 #NC State  
#Charlotte, NC

### HOUSTON (7-6)

Houston, TX  
S. 4 at Rice  
S. 11 at Oklahoma  
S. 18 Army  
S. 23 #Miami  
O. 2 at Memphis  
O. 7 at Southern Miss  
O. 23 at TCU  
O. 30 Tulane  
N. 6 East Carolina  
N. 13 at UAB  
N. 20 Louisville

### LOUISVILLE (9-4)

Louisville, KY  
S. 5 Kentucky  
S. 11 at Army  
S. 18 at Tulane  
S. 25 at North Carolina  
O. 2 East Carolina  
O. 14 at Miami  
O. 22 South Florida  
N. 2 at Memphis  
N. 9 TCU  
N. 20 at Houston  
N. 27 Cincinnati

### MEMPHIS (9-4)

Memphis, TN  
S. 4 Ole Miss  
S. 11 Chattanooga  
S. 18 at Arkansas State  
S. 25 at UAB  
O. 2 Houston  
O. 16 Tulane  
O. 23 at Cincinnati  
N. 2 Louisville  
N. 13 Southern Miss  
N. 20 at East Carolina  
N. 27 at South Florida

### SOUTHERN MISS (9-4)

Hattiesburg, MS  
S. 11 at Nebraska  
S. 18 California  
S. 25 at Tulane  
O. 2 at South Florida  
O. 7 Houston  
O. 16 Alabama  
O. 23 East Carolina  
N. 6 Cincinnati  
N. 13 at Memphis  
N. 20 at TCU  
N. 27 UAB



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## SOUTH FLORIDA (7-4)

Tampa, FL  
S. 5 Pittsburgh  
S. 11 Tennessee Tech  
S. 18 at South Carolina  
S. 25 at TCU  
O. 2 Southern Miss  
O. 16 Army  
O. 22 at Louisville  
N. 6 at UAB  
N. 13 East Carolina  
N. 20 at Cincinnati  
N. 27 Memphis

## TCU (11-2)

Fort Worth, TX  
S. 2 Northwestern  
S. 11 SMU  
S. 18 at Texas Tech  
S. 25 South Florida  
O. 2 at Army  
O. 16 at UAB  
O. 23 Houston  
O. 30 at Cincinnati  
N. 9 at Louisville  
N. 20 Southern Miss  
N. 27 Tulane

## TULANE (5-7)

New Orleans, LA  
S. 4 at Mississippi State  
S. 11 Florida A&M  
S. 18 Louisville  
S. 25 Southern Miss  
O. 9 at East Carolina  
O. 16 at Memphis  
O. 23 UAB  
O. 30 at Houston  
N. 6 Navy  
N. 13 Army  
N. 27 at TCU

## UAB (5-7)

Birmingham, AL  
S. 4 Baylor  
S. 18 at Florida State  
S. 25 Memphis  
O. 2 at Cincinnati  
O. 9 at Mississippi State  
O. 16 TCU  
O. 23 at Tulane  
N. 6 South Florida  
N. 13 Houston  
N. 20 at Army  
N. 27 at Southern Miss

## MAC

## AKRON (7-5)

Akron, OH  
S. 4 at Penn State  
S. 11 Middle Tennessee  
S. 18 at Virginia  
S. 23 at Kent State  
O. 2 at Northern Illinois  
O. 9 Buffalo  
O. 16 at UCF  
O. 23 Ball State  
N. 5 Marshall  
N. 13 at Ohio  
N. 20 Miami (OH)

## BALL STATE (4-8)

Muncie, IN  
S. 2 Boston College  
S. 11 at Purdue  
S. 18 at Missouri  
S. 25 Western Michigan  
O. 2 at Toledo  
O. 9 Eastern Michigan  
O. 16 at Bowling Green  
O. 23 at Akron  
O. 30 Northern Illinois  
N. 13 UCF  
N. 20 at Central Michigan

## BOWLING GREEN (11-3)

Bowling Green, OH  
S. 4 at Oklahoma  
S. 11 SE Missouri State  
S. 24 at Northern Illinois  
O. 2 at Temple  
O. 9 at Central Michigan  
O. 16 Ball State  
O. 23 at Ohio  
O. 30 Eastern Michigan  
N. 6 Western Michigan  
N. 13 Marshall  
N. 23 at Toledo

## BUFFALO (1-11)

Buffalo, NY  
S. 2 at Eastern Michigan  
S. 11 Syracuse  
S. 18 at Nevada  
S. 25 at Ohio  
O. 2 UCF  
O. 9 at Akron  
O. 16 Miami (OH)  
O. 23 at Marshall  
N. 6 Kent State  
N. 13 Central Michigan  
N. 20 at Connecticut

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN (3-9)

Mt. Pleasant, MI  
S. 4 at Indiana  
S. 11 at Michigan State  
S. 18 SE Missouri State  
O. 2 Kent State  
O. 9 Bowling Green  
O. 16 at Northern Illinois  
O. 23 at Toledo  
O. 30 Western Michigan  
N. 6 #Eastern Michigan  
N. 13 at Buffalo  
N. 20 Ball State  
#Detroit, MI

## EASTERN MICHIGAN (3-9)

Ypsilanti, MI  
S. 2 Buffalo  
S. 11 at Florida  
S. 18 Toledo  
O. 25 Eastern Illinois  
O. 2 Idaho  
O. 9 at Ball State  
O. 16 at Western Michigan  
O. 30 at Bowling Green  
N. 6 #Central Michigan  
N. 13 at Kent State  
N. 20 Northern Illinois  
#Detroit, MI

## KENT STATE (5-7)

Kent, OH  
S. 4 at Iowa  
S. 11 Liberty  
S. 18 at Rutgers  
S. 23 Akron  
O. 2 at Central Michigan  
O. 9 at Miami (OH)  
O. 16 Marshall  
O. 30 Ohio  
N. 6 at Buffalo  
N. 13 Eastern Michigan  
N. 23 at UCF

## MARSHALL (8-4)

Huntington, WV  
S. 4 Troy State  
S. 11 at Ohio State  
S. 18 at Georgia  
S. 23 Miami (OH)  
O. 9 Ohio  
O. 16 at Kent State  
O. 23 Buffalo  
O. 30 UCF  
N. 5 at Akron  
N. 13 at Bowling Green  
N. 20 Western Michigan

## MIAMI (OH) (13-1)

Oxford, OH  
S. 4 at Penn State  
S. 4 at Michigan  
S. 11 at Cincinnati  
S. 18 Ohio  
S. 29 at Marshall  
O. 9 Kent State  
O. 16 at Buffalo  
O. 23 UCF  
N. 3 Toledo  
N. 13 at Western Michigan  
N. 20 at Akron

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS (10-2)

DeKalb, IL  
S. 4 at Maryland  
S. 11 Southern Illinois  
S. 18 at Iowa State  
S. 24 Bowling Green  
O. 2 Akron  
O. 9 at UCF  
O. 16 Central Michigan  
O. 23 at Western Michigan  
O. 30 at Ball State  
N. 10 Toledo  
N. 20 at Eastern Michigan

## OHIO (2-10)

Athens, OH  
S. 4 VMI  
S. 11 SE Missouri State  
S. 18 at Miami (OH)  
S. 25 Buffalo  
O. 2 at Kentucky  
O. 9 Marshall  
O. 16 at Toledo  
O. 23 Bowling Green  
O. 30 at Kent State  
N. 6 at UCF  
N. 13 Akron

## TOLEDO (8-4)

Toledo, OH  
S. 5 at Minnesota  
S. 11 at Kansas  
S. 18 at Eastern Michigan  
S. 25 Temple  
O. 2 Ball State  
O. 9 at Western Michigan  
O. 16 Ohio  
O. 23 Central Michigan  
N. 3 at Miami (OH)  
N. 10 at Northern Illinois  
N. 23 Bowling Green

## UCF (3-9)

Orlando, FL  
S. 4 at Wisconsin  
S. 11 West Virginia  
S. 18 at Penn State  
O. 2 at Buffalo  
O. 9 Northern Illinois  
O. 16 Akron  
O. 23 at Miami (OH)  
O. 30 at Marshall  
N. 6 Ohio  
N. 13 at Ball State  
N. 23 Kent State

## WESTERN MICHIGAN (5-7)

Kalamazoo, MI  
S. 2 Tennessee-Martin  
S. 11 at Virginia Tech  
S. 18 at Illinois  
S. 25 at Ball State  
O. 9 Toledo  
O. 16 Eastern Michigan  
O. 23 Northern Illinois  
O. 30 at Central Michigan  
N. 6 at Bowling Green  
N. 13 Miami (OH)  
N. 20 at Marshall

## MWC

## AIR FORCE (7-5)

Colorado Springs, CO  
S. 4 California  
S. 11 Eastern Washington  
S. 18 at UNLV  
S. 25 at Utah  
O. 30 Navy  
O. 9 New Mexico  
O. 23 BYU  
O. 30 at Wyoming  
N. 6 at Army  
N. 13 San Diego State  
N. 20 Colorado State

## BYU (4-8)

Provo, UT  
S. 4 USC  
S. 18 at Stanford  
S. 25 at Boise State  
O. 2 at Colorado State  
O. 8 UNLV  
O. 16 Wyoming  
O. 23 at Air Force  
O. 30 Notre Dame  
N. 6 San Diego State  
N. 13 New Mexico  
N. 20 at Utah

## COLORADO STATE (7-6)

Fort Collins, CO  
S. 4 at Colorado  
S. 11 at USC  
S. 18 Minnesota  
S. 25 Montana State  
O. 2 BYU  
O. 16 at San Diego State  
O. 22 Wyoming  
O. 30 New Mexico  
N. 6 at Utah  
N. 13 UNLV  
N. 20 at Air Force

## NEW MEXICO (8-5)

Albuquerque, NM  
S. 3 Washington State  
S. 11 Texas Tech  
S. 18 at Oregon State  
S. 25 at New Mexico State  
O. 2 Utah  
O. 9 at Air Force  
O. 16 at UNLV  
O. 23 San Diego State  
O. 30 at Colorado State  
N. 13 at BYU  
N. 20 Wyoming

## SAN DIEGO STATE (6-5)

San Diego, CA  
S. 4 San Jose State  
S. 11 Nevada  
S. 18 at Michigan  
O. 2 at UCLA  
O. 9 at Wyoming  
O. 16 Colorado State  
O. 23 at New Mexico  
O. 30 Utah  
N. 6 at BYU  
N. 13 at Air Force  
N. 20 UNLV

## UNLV (6-6)

Las Vegas, NV  
S. 4 at Tennessee  
S. 11 at Wisconsin  
S. 18 Air Force  
S. 25 Utah State  
O. 2 Nevada  
O. 9 at BYU  
O. 16 New Mexico  
O. 23 at Utah  
N. 6 Wyoming  
N. 13 at Colorado State  
N. 20 at San Diego State

## UTAH (10-2)

Salt Lake City, UT  
S. 2 Texas A&M  
S. 11 at Arizona  
S. 18 at Utah State  
S. 25 Air Force  
O. 2 at New Mexico  
O. 16 North Carolina  
O. 23 UNLV  
O. 30 at San Diego State  
N. 6 Colorado State  
N. 13 at Wyoming  
N. 20 BYU

## WYOMING (4-8)

Laramie, WY  
S. 4 Appalachian State  
S. 11 at Texas A&M  
S. 25 Ole Miss  
O. 2 UL Monroe  
O. 9 San Diego State  
O. 16 at BYU  
O. 22 at Colorado State  
O. 30 Air Force  
N. 6 at UNLV  
N. 13 Utah  
N. 20 at New Mexico

## PAC-10

## ARIZONA (2-10)

Tucson, AZ  
S. 4 Northern Arizona  
S. 11 Utah  
S. 18 Wisconsin  
O. 2 Washington State  
O. 9 at UCLA  
O. 16 at Oregon  
O. 23 California  
O. 30 Oregon State  
N. 6 at Washington  
N. 13 at USC  
N. 26 Arizona State

## ARIZONA STATE (5-7)

Tempe, AZ  
S. 2 UTEP  
S. 11 at Northwestern  
S. 18 Iowa  
S. 25 Oregon State  
O. 2 at Oregon  
O. 16 at USC  
O. 23 UCLA  
O. 23 at Oregon State  
N. 6 Stanford  
N. 13 Washington State  
N. 26 at Arizona

## CALIFORNIA (8-6)

Berkeley, CA  
S. 4 at Air Force  
S. 11 New Mexico State  
S. 18 at Southern Miss  
O. 2 at Oregon State  
O. 9 at USC  
O. 16 UCLA  
O. 23 at Arizona  
O. 30 Arizona State  
N. 6 Oregon  
N. 13 at Washington  
N. 20 Stanford

## OREGON (8-5)

Eugene, OR  
S. 11 Indiana  
S. 18 at Oklahoma  
S. 25 Idaho  
O. 2 Arizona State  
O. 9 at Washington State  
O. 16 Arizona  
O. 23 at Stanford  
O. 30 Washington  
N. 6 at California  
N. 13 UCLA  
N. 20 at Oregon State

## OREGON STATE (8-5)

Corvallis, OR  
S. 4 at LSU  
S. 11 at Boise State  
S. 18 New Mexico  
S. 25 at Arizona State  
O. 2 California  
O. 16 at Washington  
O. 23 Washington State  
O. 30 at Arizona  
N. 6 USC  
N. 13 at Stanford  
N. 20 Oregon

## STANFORD (4-7)

Stanford, CA  
S. 11 San Jose State  
S. 18 BYU  
S. 25 USC  
O. 2 Washington  
O. 9 at Notre Dame  
O. 16 at Washington State  
O. 23 Oregon  
N. 6 at Arizona State  
N. 13 Oregon State  
N. 20 at California

## UCLA (6-7)

Los Angeles, CA  
S. 4 Oklahoma State  
S. 11 at Illinois  
S. 18 at Washington  
O. 2 San Diego State  
O. 9 Arizona  
O. 16 at California  
O. 23 at Arizona State  
O. 30 Stanford  
N. 6 Washington State  
N. 13 at Oregon  
D. 4 USC

## USC (12-1)

Los Angeles, CA  
A. 28 #Virginia Tech  
S. 4 at BYU  
S. 11 Colorado State  
S. 25 at Stanford  
O. 9 California  
O. 16 Arizona State  
O. 23 Washington  
O. 30 at Washington State  
N. 6 at Oregon State  
N. 13 Arizona  
N. 27 Notre Dame  
D. 4 at UCLA  
#Landover, MD

## WASHINGTON (6-6)

Seattle, WA  
S. 5 Fresno State  
S. 18 UCLA  
S. 25 at Notre Dame  
O. 2 at Stanford  
O. 9 San Jose State  
O. 16 Oregon State  
O. 23 at USC  
O. 30 at Oregon  
N. 6 Arizona  
N. 13 California  
N. 20 at Washington State

## WASHINGTON STATE (10-3)

Pullman, WA  
S. 3 at New Mexico  
S. 11 #Colorado  
S. 18 Idaho  
O. 2 at Arizona  
O. 9 Oregon  
O. 16 Stanford  
O. 23 at Oregon State  
N. 6 at UCLA  
N. 13 at Arizona State  
N. 20 Washington  
#Seattle, WA

## SEC

## ALABAMA (4-9)

Tuscaloosa, AL  
S. 4 Utah State  
S. 11 Ole Miss  
S. 18 Western Carolina  
S. 25 at Arkansas  
O. 2 South Carolina  
O. 9 at Kentucky  
O. 16 Southern Miss  
O. 23 at Tennessee  
N. 6 Mississippi State  
N. 13 at LSU  
N. 20 Auburn

## ARKANSAS (9-4)

Fayetteville, AR  
S. 4 New Mexico State  
S. 11 Texas  
S. 18 #UL Monroe  
S. 25 Alabama  
O. 2 at Florida  
O. 16 at Auburn  
O. 23 Georgia  
N. 6 at South Carolina  
N. 13 Ole Miss  
N. 20 at Mississippi State  
N. 27 #LSU  
#Little Rock, AR

## AUBURN (8-5)

Auburn, AL  
S. 4 UL Monroe  
S. 11 at Mississippi State  
S. 18 LSU  
S. 25 The Citadel  
O. 2 at Tennessee  
O. 9 Louisiana Tech  
O. 16 Arkansas  
O. 23 Kentucky  
O. 30 at Ole Miss  
N. 13 Georgia  
N. 20 at Alabama

## FLORIDA (8-5)

Gainesville, FL  
S. 4 Middle Tennessee  
S. 11 Eastern Michigan  
S. 18 at Tennessee  
S. 25 Kentucky  
O. 2 Arkansas  
O. 9 LSU  
O. 23 at Mississippi State  
O. 30 #Georgia  
N. 6 at Vanderbilt  
N. 13 South Carolina  
N. 20 at Florida State  
#Jacksonville, FL

## GEORGIA (11-3)

Athens, GA  
S. 4 Georgia Southern  
S. 11 at South Carolina  
S. 18 Marshall  
O. 2 LSU  
O. 9 Tennessee  
O. 16 Vanderbilt  
O. 23 at Arkansas  
O. 30 #Florida  
N. 6 at Kentucky  
N. 13 at Auburn  
N. 27 Georgia Tech  
#Jacksonville, FL

## KENTUCKY (4-8)

Lexington, KY  
S. 4 at Louisville  
S. 18 Indiana  
S. 25 at Florida  
O. 2 Ohio  
O. 9 Alabama  
O. 16 South Carolina  
O. 23 at Auburn  
O. 30 at Mississippi State  
N. 6 Georgia  
N. 13 Vanderbilt  
N. 27 at Tennessee

## LSU (13-1)

Baton Rouge, LA  
S. 4 Oregon State  
S. 11 Houston  
S. 18 at Auburn  
S. 25 Mississippi State  
O. 2 at Georgia  
O. 9 at Florida  
O. 23 Troy State  
O. 30 Vanderbilt  
N. 13 Alabama  
N. 20 Ole Miss  
N. 27 #Arkansas  
#Little Rock, AR

## MISSISSIPPI STATE (2-10)

Starkville, MS  
S. 4 Tulane  
S. 11 Auburn  
S. 18 Maine  
S. 25 at LSU  
O. 2 at Vanderbilt  
O. 9 UAB  
O. 23 Florida  
O. 30 Kentucky  
N. 6 at Alabama  
N. 20 Arkansas  
N. 25 at Ole Miss

## OLE MISS (10-3)

Oxford, MS  
S. 4 Memphis  
S. 11 at Alabama  
S. 18 Vanderbilt  
S. 25 at Wyoming  
O. 2 Arkansas State  
O. 9 at South Carolina  
O. 16 Tennessee  
O. 30 Auburn  
N. 13 at Arkansas  
N. 20 at LSU  
N. 25 Mississippi State

## SOUTH CAROLINA (5-7)

Columbia, SC  
S. 4 at Vanderbilt  
S. 11 Georgia  
S. 18 South Florida  
S. 25 Troy State  
O. 2 at Alabama  
O. 9 Ole Miss  
O. 16 at Kentucky  
O. 30 Tennessee  
N. 6 Arkansas  
N. 13 at Florida  
N. 20 at Clemson

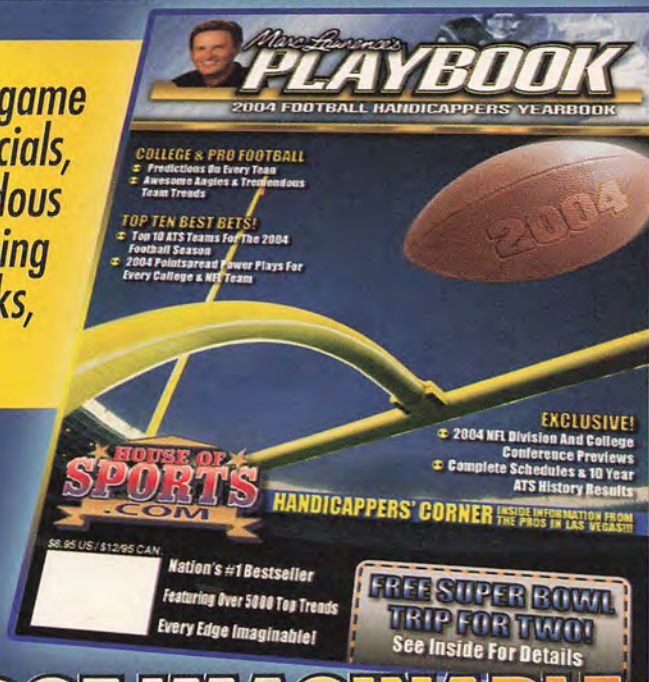
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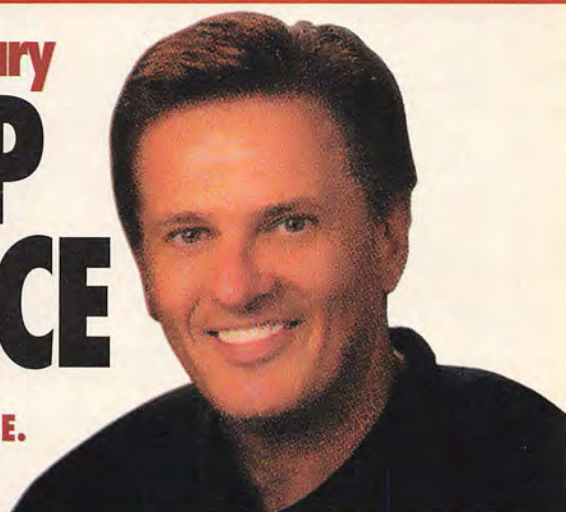
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S. 4 UNLV  
S. 18 Florida  
S. 25 Louisiana Tech  
O. 2 Auburn  
O. 9 at Georgia  
O. 16 at Ole Miss  
O. 23 Alabama  
O. 30 at South Carolina  
N. 6 Notre Dame  
N. 20 at Vanderbilt  
N. 27 Kentucky

**VANDERBILT (2-10)**

Nashville, TN  
S. 4 South Carolina  
S. 18 at Ole Miss  
S. 25 at Navy  
O. 2 Mississippi State  
O. 9 Rutgers  
O. 16 at Georgia  
O. 23 Eastern Kentucky  
O. 30 at LSU  
N. 6 Florida  
N. 13 at Kentucky  
N. 20 Tennessee

**SUNBELT****ARKANSAS STATE (5-7)**

Jonesboro, AR  
S. 4 at Missouri  
S. 11 at LSU  
S. 18 Memphis  
S. 25 at UL Monroe  
O. 2 at Ole Miss  
O. 9 at Middle Tennessee  
O. 16 Troy State  
O. 23 at UL Lafayette  
N. 6 at Idaho  
N. 11 Utah State  
N. 18 North Texas

**IDAHO (3-9)**

Moscow, ID  
S. 4 at Boise State  
S. 11 at Utah State  
S. 18 Washington State  
S. 25 at Oregon  
O. 2 at Eastern Michigan  
O. 9 UL Monroe  
O. 16 UL Lafayette  
O. 23 at Middle Tennessee  
O. 30 at Troy State  
N. 6 Arkansas State  
N. 13 at North Texas  
N. 20 at Hawaii

**UL LAFAYETTE (4-8)**

Lafayette, LA  
S. 4 Northwestern State  
S. 11 at Louisiana Tech  
S. 18 at Kansas State  
S. 25 Middle Tennessee  
O. 2 at Florida International  
O. 9 at New Mexico State  
O. 16 at Idaho  
O. 23 Arkansas State  
N. 6 North Texas  
N. 13 Troy State  
N. 20 at UL Monroe

**UL MONROE (1-11)**

Monroe, LA  
S. 4 at Auburn  
S. 18 #Arkansas  
S. 25 Arkansas State  
O. 2 at Wyoming  
O. 9 at Idaho  
O. 16 Florida International  
O. 23 at Florida Atlantic  
O. 30 at North Texas  
N. 6 Utah State  
N. 13 at Middle Tennessee  
N. 20 UL Lafayette  
#Little Rock, AR

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE (4-8)**

Murfreesboro, TN  
S. 4 at Florida  
S. 11 at Akron  
S. 18 Florida Atlantic  
S. 25 at UL Lafayette  
O. 2 at North Texas  
O. 9 Arkansas State  
O. 23 Idaho  
O. 30 Utah State  
N. 6 at New Mexico State  
N. 13 UL Monroe  
N. 20 at Troy State

**NEW MEXICO STATE (3-9)**

Las Cruces, NM  
S. 4 at Arkansas  
S. 11 at California  
S. 18 Troy State  
S. 25 New Mexico  
O. 2 at UTEP  
O. 9 UL Lafayette  
O. 23 at North Texas  
O. 30 Florida International  
N. 6 Middle Tennessee  
N. 13 at Florida Atlantic  
N. 20 at Utah State

**NORTH TEXAS (9-4)**

Denton, TX  
S. 4 at Texas  
S. 11 Florida Atlantic  
S. 18 at Colorado  
S. 25 at Baylor  
O. 2 Middle Tennessee  
O. 9 at Utah State  
O. 23 New Mexico State  
O. 30 UL Monroe  
N. 6 at UL Lafayette  
N. 13 Idaho  
N. 18 at Arkansas State

**TROY STATE (6-6)**

Troy, AL  
S. 4 at Marshall  
S. 11 Missouri  
S. 18 at New Mexico State  
S. 25 at South Carolina  
O. 2 Utah State  
O. 16 at Arkansas State  
O. 23 at LSU  
O. 30 Idaho  
N. 6 Florida Atlantic  
N. 13 at UL Lafayette  
N. 20 Middle Tennessee

**UTAH STATE (3-9)**

Logan, UT  
S. 4 at Alabama  
S. 11 Idaho  
S. 18 Utah  
S. 25 at UNLV  
O. 2 at Troy State  
O. 9 North Texas  
O. 16 at Clemson  
O. 30 at Middle Tennessee  
N. 6 at UL Monroe  
N. 11 at Arkansas State  
N. 20 New Mexico State

**WAC****BOISE STATE (13-1)**

Boise, ID  
S. 4 Idaho  
S. 11 Oregon State  
S. 18 at UTEP  
S. 25 BYU  
O. 2 SMU  
O. 16 at Tulsa  
O. 23 Fresno State  
O. 30 Hawaii  
N. 13 at San Jose State  
N. 20 Louisiana Tech  
N. 27 at Nevada

**FRESNO STATE (9-5)**

Fresno, CA  
S. 5 at Washington  
S. 11 at Kansas State  
S. 18 Portland State  
O. 2 at Louisiana Tech  
O. 9 UTEP  
O. 23 at Boise State  
O. 30 SMU  
N. 6 at Rice  
N. 13 Hawaii  
N. 20 Nevada  
N. 27 at San Jose State

**HAWAII (9-5)**

Honolulu, HI  
S. 4 Florida Atlantic  
S. 18 at Rice  
O. 2 Tulsa  
O. 9 Nevada  
O. 16 at UTEP  
O. 23 San Jose State  
O. 30 at Boise State  
N. 6 Louisiana Tech  
N. 13 at Fresno State  
N. 20 Idaho  
N. 27 Northwestern  
D. 4 Michigan State

**LOUISIANA TECH (5-7)**

Ruston, LA  
S. 11 UL Lafayette  
S. 18 at Miami  
S. 25 at Tennessee  
O. 2 Fresno State  
O. 9 at Auburn  
O. 16 at SMU  
O. 23 UTEP  
O. 30 Nevada  
N. 6 at Hawaii  
N. 13 Tulsa  
N. 20 at Boise State  
N. 27 at Rice

**NEVADA (6-6)**

Reno, NV  
S. 4 Sacramento State  
S. 11 at San Diego State  
S. 18 Buffalo  
O. 2 at UNLV  
O. 9 at Hawaii  
O. 16 Rice  
O. 23 Tulsa  
O. 30 at Louisiana Tech  
N. 6 San Jose State  
N. 13 at SMU  
N. 20 at Fresno State  
N. 27 Boise State

**RICE (5-7)**

Houston, TX  
S. 4 Houston  
S. 18 Hawaii  
S. 25 at Texas  
O. 2 at San Jose State  
O. 9 SMU  
O. 16 at Nevada  
O. 23 at Navy  
O. 30 at Tulsa  
N. 6 Fresno State  
N. 13 at UTEP  
N. 27 Louisiana Tech

**SAN JOSE STATE (3-8)**

San Jose, CA  
S. 4 at San Diego State  
S. 11 at Stanford  
S. 18 Morgan State  
S. 25 at SMU  
O. 2 Rice  
O. 9 at Washington  
O. 23 at Hawaii  
O. 30 UTEP  
N. 6 at Nevada  
N. 13 Boise State  
N. 20 at Tulsa  
N. 27 Fresno State

**SMU (0-12)**

Dallas, TX  
S. 4 Texas Tech  
S. 11 at TCU  
S. 18 at Oklahoma State  
S. 25 San Jose State  
O. 2 at Boise State  
O. 9 at Rice  
O. 16 Louisiana Tech  
O. 30 at Fresno State  
N. 6 Tulsa  
N. 13 Nevada  
N. 20 at UTEP

**TULSA (8-5)**

Tulsa, OK  
S. 4 at Kansas  
S. 11 at Oklahoma State  
S. 18 Navy  
S. 25 SW Missouri State  
O. 2 at Hawaii  
O. 16 Boise State  
O. 23 at Nevada  
O. 30 Rice  
N. 6 at SMU  
N. 13 at Louisiana Tech  
N. 20 San Jose State  
N. 27 UTEP

**UTEP (2-11)**

El Paso, TX  
S. 2 at Arizona State  
S. 11 Weber State  
S. 18 Boise State  
O. 2 New Mexico State  
O. 20 at Fresno State  
O. 16 Hawaii  
O. 23 at Louisiana Tech  
O. 30 at San Jose State  
N. 13 Rice  
N. 20 SMU  
N. 27 at Tulsa

**I-A Independents****NAVY (8-5)**

Annapolis, MD  
S. 4 Duke  
S. 11 Northeastern  
S. 18 at Tulsa  
S. 25 Vanderbilt  
O. 30 at Air Force  
O. 16 #Notre Dame  
O. 23 Rice  
O. 30 Delaware  
N. 6 at Tulane  
N. 20 Rutgers  
D. 4 %Army  
#East Rutherford, NJ  
%Philadelphia, PA

**NOTRE DAME (5-7)**

South Bend, IN  
S. 11 Michigan  
S. 18 at Michigan State  
S. 25 Washington  
O. 2 Purdue  
O. 9 Stanford  
O. 16 #Navy  
O. 23 Boston College  
O. 30 at BYU  
N. 6 at Tennessee  
N. 13 Pittsburgh  
N. 27 at USC  
#East Rutherford, NJ

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**ATLANTIC 10****DELAWARE (15-1)**

Newark, DE  
S. 2 New Hampshire  
S. 11 Towson  
S. 18 West Chester  
S. 25 at Massachusetts  
O. 2 Maine  
O. 16 at Hofstra  
O. 23 William & Mary  
O. 30 at Navy  
N. 6 at James Madison  
N. 13 at Richmond  
N. 20 Villanova

**HOFSTRA (2-10)**

Hempstead, NY  
S. 2 Albany  
S. 11 at Montana  
S. 25 Rhode Island  
O. 2 at James Madison  
O. 9 at Stony Brook  
O. 16 Delaware  
O. 23 at New Hampshire  
O. 30 Richmond  
N. 6 at Maine  
N. 13 Northeastern  
N. 20 at Massachusetts

**JAMES MADISON (6-6)**

Harrisonburg, VA  
S. 4 Lock Haven  
S. 18 at Villanova  
S. 25 at West Virginia  
O. 2 Hofstra  
O. 9 Massachusetts  
O. 16 at Maine  
O. 23 at Richmond  
O. 30 VMI  
N. 6 Delaware  
N. 13 William & Mary  
N. 20 at Towson

**MAINE (6-5)**

Orono, ME  
S. 4 at Montana  
S. 11 Northern Colorado  
S. 18 at Mississippi State  
O. 2 at Delaware  
O. 9 at Richmond  
O. 16 James Madison  
O. 23 Northeastern  
O. 30 at Massachusetts  
N. 6 Hofstra  
N. 13 at Rhode Island  
N. 20 New Hampshire

**MASSACHUSETTS (10-3)**

Amherst, MA  
S. 4 at Delaware State  
S. 11 Colgate  
S. 18 Richmond  
S. 25 Delaware  
O. 2 at Boston College  
O. 9 at James Madison  
O. 16 at New Hampshire  
O. 23 at Rhode Island  
O. 30 Maine  
N. 6 at Northeastern  
N. 20 Hofstra

**NEW HAMPSHIRE (5-7)**

Durham, NH  
S. 2 at Delaware  
S. 11 at Rutgers  
S. 18 William & Mary  
S. 25 at Dartmouth  
O. 2 at Villanova  
O. 16 Massachusetts  
O. 23 Hofstra  
O. 30 at Northeastern  
N. 6 at Rhode Island  
N. 13 Towson  
N. 20 at Maine

**NORTHEASTERN (8-4)**

Boston, MA  
S. 4 Cheyney  
S. 11 at Navy  
S. 25 at Towson  
O. 2 at William & Mary  
O. 9 Villanova  
O. 16 at Harvard  
O. 23 at Maine  
O. 30 New Hampshire  
N. 6 Massachusetts  
N. 13 at Hofstra  
N. 20 Rhode Island

**RHODE ISLAND (4-8)**

Kingston, RI  
S. 4 at Fordham  
S. 11 Central Conn. State  
S. 25 at Hofstra  
O. 2 Brown  
O. 9 at Towson  
O. 16 at William & Mary  
O. 23 Massachusetts  
O. 30 Villanova  
N. 6 New Hampshire  
N. 13 Maine  
N. 20 at Northeastern

**RICHMOND (2-9)**

Richmond, VA  
S. 4 at NC State  
S. 11 at VMI  
S. 18 at Massachusetts  
S. 25 Lafayette  
O. 9 Maine  
O. 16 at Villanova  
O. 23 James Madison  
O. 30 at Hofstra  
N. 6 Towson  
N. 13 Delaware  
N. 20 at William & Mary

**TOWSON (6-6)**

Towson, MD  
S. 4 at Elon  
S. 11 at Delaware  
S. 25 Northeastern  
O. 2 Cornell  
O. 9 Rhode Island  
O. 16 Bowie State  
O. 23 at Villanova  
O. 30 William & Mary  
N. 6 at Richmond  
N. 13 at New Hampshire  
N. 20 James Madison

**VILLANOVA (7-4)**

Philadelphia, PA  
S. 2 Bucknell  
S. 11 at Lehigh  
S. 18 James Madison  
S. 25 at Penn  
O. 2 New Hampshire  
O. 9 at Northeastern  
O. 16 Richmond  
O. 23 Towson  
O. 30 at Rhode Island  
N. 6 at William & Mary  
N. 20 at Delaware

**WILLIAM & MARY (5-5)**

Williamsburg, VA  
S. 4 at North Carolina  
S. 18 at New Hampshire  
S. 25 VMI  
O. 2 Northeastern  
O. 9 at Liberty  
O. 16 Rhode Island  
O. 23 at Delaware  
O. 30 at Towson  
N. 6 Villanova  
N. 13 at James Madison  
N. 20 Richmond

**BIG SKY****EASTERN WASH. (6-5)**

Cheney, WA  
S. 2 at Nicholls State  
S. 11 at Air Force  
S. 18 Central Washington  
S. 25 Idaho State  
O. 2 at Portland State  
O. 9 Northern Arizona  
O. 16 Montana  
O. 23 at Weber State  
O. 30 Sacramento State  
N. 6 Cal Poly  
N. 13 at Montana State

**IDAHO STATE (8-4)**

Pocatello, ID  
S. 4 Carroll College  
S. 11 Cal Poly  
S. 18 at Northern Colorado  
S. 25 at Eastern Washington  
O. 2 Montana State  
O. 9 at Montana  
O. 23 Sacramento State  
O. 30 Weber State  
N. 6 at Portland State  
N. 13 Northern Arizona  
N. 20 at Southern Utah

**MONTANA (9-4)**

Missoula, MT  
S. 4 Maine  
S. 11 Hofstra  
S. 18 at Sam Houston  
S. 25 Northern Colorado  
O. 2 at Weber State  
O. 9 Idaho State  
O. 16 at Eastern Washington  
O. 30 at Portland State  
N. 6 Northern Arizona  
N. 13 Sacramento State  
N. 20 Montana State

**MONTANA STATE (7-6)**

Bozeman, MT  
S. 11 Adams State  
S. 18 Cal Poly  
S. 25 at Colorado State  
O. 2 at Idaho State  
O. 9 Weber State  
O. 16 Portland State  
O. 23 South Dakota State  
O. 30 at Northern Arizona  
N. 6 at Sacramento State  
N. 13 Eastern Washington  
N. 20 at Montana

**NORTHERN ARIZONA (9-4)**

Flagstaff, AZ  
S. 4 at Arizona  
S. 11 at Stephen F. Austin  
S. 25 Weber State  
O. 2 Sacramento State  
O. 9 at Eastern Washington  
O. 16 Western New Mexico  
O. 23 Portland State  
O. 30 Montana State  
N. 6 at Montana  
N. 13 at Idaho State  
N. 20 Northern Iowa

**PORTLAND STATE (4-7)**

Portland, OR  
S. 2 Western State  
S. 18 at Fresno State  
S. 25 McNeese State  
O. 2 Eastern Washington  
O. 9 at Sacramento State  
O. 16 at Montana State  
O. 23 at Northern Arizona  
O. 30 Montana  
N. 6 Idaho State  
N. 13 at Weber State  
N. 20 UC Davis



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## SACRAMENTO STATE (2-9)

Sacramento, CA  
S. 4 at Nevada  
S. 18 Southern Utah  
S. 25 at UC Davis  
O. 2 at Northern Arizona  
O. 9 Portland State  
O. 16 Weber State  
O. 23 at Idaho State  
O. 30 at Eastern Washington  
N. 6 Montana State  
N. 13 at Montana  
N. 20 Cal Poly

## WEBER STATE (8-4)

Ogden, UT  
S. 4 Southern Utah  
S. 11 at UTEP  
S. 18 UC Davis  
S. 25 at Northern Arizona  
O. 2 Montana  
O. 9 at Montana State  
O. 16 at Sacramento State  
O. 23 Eastern Washington  
O. 30 at Idaho State  
N. 6 North Dakota State  
N. 13 Portland State

## BIG SOUTH

### CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (1-11)

Charleston, SC  
S. 4 at The Citadel  
S. 11 at Presbyterian  
S. 18 at Jacksonville  
S. 25 Charleston  
O. 2 VMI  
O. 9 at Howard  
O. 23 North Greenville  
O. 30 at Liberty  
N. 6 Allen  
N. 13 Gardner-Webb  
N. 20 at Coastal Carolina

### COASTAL CAROLINA (6-5)

Conway, SC  
S. 4 at Morehead State  
S. 11 Davidson  
S. 18 at Newberry  
S. 25 North Greenville  
O. 9 at Charleston (WV)  
O. 16 at VMI  
O. 23 Liberty  
O. 30 at Gardner-Webb  
N. 6 Savannah State  
N. 13 Jacksonville  
N. 20 Charleston Southern

### GARDNER-WEBB (8-4)

Boiling Springs, NC  
S. 11 at Morgan State  
S. 18 Furman  
S. 25 Western Carolina  
O. 2 at Liberty  
O. 9 at Hampton  
O. 23 VMI  
O. 30 Coastal Carolina  
N. 6 at Wofford  
N. 13 at Charleston Southern

### LIBERTY (6-6)

Lynchburg, VA  
S. 4 West Virginia Tech  
S. 11 at Kent State  
S. 18 Lehigh  
S. 25 at Youngstown State  
O. 2 Gardner-Webb  
O. 9 William & Mary  
O. 23 at Coastal Carolina  
O. 30 Charleston Southern  
N. 6 at VMI  
N. 13 at Chattanooga  
N. 20 Elon

### VMI (6-6)

Lexington, VA  
S. 4 at Ohio  
S. 11 Richmond  
S. 18 Tennessee Tech  
S. 25 at William & Mary  
O. 2 at Charleston Southern  
O. 9 at Georgetown  
O. 16 Coastal Carolina  
O. 23 at Gardner-Webb  
O. 30 at James Madison  
N. 6 Liberty  
N. 20 Wofford

### GATEWAY

### ILLINOIS STATE (6-6)

Normal, IL  
S. 2 St. Xavier  
S. 11 at Minnesota  
S. 18 Eastern Illinois  
S. 25 at Florida Atlantic  
O. 2 SW Missouri State  
O. 9 at Western Illinois  
O. 23 Youngstown State  
O. 30 at Western Kentucky  
N. 6 Southern Illinois  
N. 13 at Northern Iowa

### INDIANA STATE (3-9)

Terre Haute, IN  
A. 28 at Miami (OH)  
S. 11 at Eastern Illinois  
S. 18 Murray State  
O. 2 Illinois State  
O. 9 at Western Illinois  
O. 16 SW Missouri State  
O. 23 at Western Kentucky  
O. 30 at Youngstown State  
N. 6 Northern Iowa  
N. 13 at Southern Illinois

## NORTHERN IOWA (10-3)

Cedar Falls, IA  
S. 4 at Iowa State  
S. 11 Minnesota State  
S. 18 Stephen F. Austin  
O. 2 at Southern Illinois  
O. 9 Western Kentucky  
O. 16 at Youngstown State  
O. 23 Western Illinois  
O. 30 SW Missouri State  
N. 6 at Indiana State  
N. 13 Illinois State  
N. 20 at Northern Arizona

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (10-2)

Carbondale, IL  
S. 4 SE Missouri State  
S. 11 at Northern Illinois  
S. 18 William Penn  
S. 25 at Delaware State  
O. 2 Northern Iowa  
O. 9 at Youngstown State  
O. 16 Western Kentucky  
O. 23 at SW Missouri State  
O. 30 Western Illinois  
N. 6 at Illinois State  
N. 13 Indiana State

## SW MISSOURI STATE (4-7)

Springfield, MO  
S. 2 Drake  
S. 11 Sam Houston  
S. 18 Union College  
S. 25 at Tulsa  
O. 2 Western Illinois  
O. 9 at Illinois State  
O. 16 at Indiana State  
O. 23 Southern Illinois  
O. 30 at Northern Iowa  
N. 6 Western Kentucky  
N. 13 Youngstown State

## WESTERN ILLINOIS (9-4)

Macomb, IL  
S. 4 at Nebraska  
S. 11 Cheyenne  
S. 18 at Hampton  
S. 25 Quincy  
O. 2 at SW Missouri State  
O. 9 Indiana State  
O. 16 Illinois State  
O. 23 at Northern Iowa  
O. 30 at Southern Illinois  
N. 6 Youngstown State  
N. 13 at Western Kentucky

## WESTERN KENTUCKY (9-4)

Bowling Green, KY  
S. 4 at Kansas State  
S. 11 Concord (WV)  
S. 18 at Eastern Kentucky  
S. 25 at Florida International  
O. 2 Youngstown State  
O. 9 at Northern Iowa  
O. 16 at Southern Illinois  
O. 23 Indiana State  
O. 30 Illinois State  
N. 6 at SW Missouri State  
N. 13 Western Illinois

## YOUNGSTOWN STATE (5-7)

Youngstown, OH  
S. 2 Slippery Rock  
S. 11 Florida International  
S. 18 at McNeese State  
S. 25 Liberty  
O. 2 at Western Kentucky  
O. 9 Southern Illinois  
O. 16 Northern Iowa  
O. 23 at Illinois State  
O. 30 Indiana State  
N. 6 at Western Illinois  
N. 13 at SW Missouri State

## IVY

### BROWN (5-5)

Providence, RI  
S. 18 Albany  
S. 25 Harvard  
O. 2 at Rhode Island  
O. 9 at Fordham  
O. 16 at Princeton  
O. 23 Cornell  
O. 30 Penn  
N. 6 Yale  
N. 13 at Dartmouth  
N. 20 Columbia

### COLUMBIA (4-6)

New York, NY  
S. 18 Fordham  
S. 25 at Bucknell  
O. 2 Princeton  
O. 9 Lafayette  
O. 16 Penn  
O. 23 Dartmouth  
O. 30 at Yale  
N. 6 at Harvard  
N. 13 Cornell  
N. 20 at Brown

### CORNELL (1-9)

Ithaca, NY  
S. 18 at Bucknell  
S. 25 Yale  
O. 2 at Towson  
O. 9 at Harvard  
O. 16 Colgate  
O. 23 at Brown  
O. 30 Princeton  
N. 6 Dartmouth  
N. 13 at Columbia  
N. 20 Penn

## DARTMOUTH (5-5)

Hanover, NH  
S. 18 at Colgate  
S. 25 New Hampshire  
O. 2 at Penn  
O. 9 Yale  
O. 16 Holy Cross  
O. 23 at Columbia  
O. 30 Harvard  
N. 6 at Cornell  
N. 13 Brown  
N. 20 at Princeton

## HARVARD (7-3)

Cambridge, MA  
S. 18 Holy Cross  
S. 25 at Brown  
O. 2 at Lafayette  
O. 9 Cornell  
O. 16 Northeastern  
O. 23 at Princeton  
O. 9 at Bethune-Cookman  
N. 6 Columbia  
N. 13 Penn  
N. 20 Yale

## PENN (10-0)

Philadelphia, PA  
S. 18 at San Diego  
S. 25 Villanova  
O. 2 Dartmouth  
O. 9 at Bucknell  
O. 16 Columbia  
O. 23 at Yale  
O. 30 Brown  
N. 6 at Princeton  
N. 13 Harvard  
N. 20 at Cornell

## PRINCETON (2-8)

Princeton, NJ  
S. 18 Lafayette  
S. 25 at San Diego  
O. 2 at Columbia  
O. 9 at Colgate  
O. 16 Brown  
O. 23 Harvard  
O. 30 at Cornell  
N. 6 Penn  
N. 13 at Yale  
N. 20 Dartmouth

## YALE (6-4)

New Haven, CT  
S. 18 at Dayton  
S. 25 at Cornell  
O. 2 Colgate  
O. 9 at Dartmouth  
O. 16 Lehigh  
O. 23 Penn  
O. 30 Columbia  
N. 6 at Brown  
N. 13 Princeton  
N. 20 at Harvard

## MAAC

### DUQUESNE (8-3)

Pittsburgh, PA  
S. 4 at Holy Cross  
S. 11 at Robert Morris  
S. 18 Georgetown  
S. 25 at Fordham  
O. 9 Iona  
O. 16 at Saint Peter's  
O. 30 Marist  
N. 6 at La Salle  
N. 13 Morehead State  
N. 20 Bucknell

### IONA (6-6)

New Rochelle, NY  
S. 4 Montclair State  
S. 18 at Sacred Heart  
S. 25 at Marist  
O. 2 Monmouth  
O. 9 at Duquesne  
O. 16 at Wagner  
O. 23 at Assumption  
O. 30 La Salle  
N. 6 St. Peter's  
N. 13 at Stony Brook

### LA SALLE (3-8)

Philadelphia, PA  
S. 4 Wagner  
S. 11 at Monmouth  
O. 2 at St. Francis (PA)  
O. 30 at Iona  
N. 6 Duquesne

### MARIST (4-6)

Poughkeepsie, NY  
S. 4 at Lafayette  
S. 11 Wagner  
S. 25 Iona  
O. 2 at Central Conn. State  
O. 30 at Duquesne  
N. 6 at Holy Cross

### ST. PETER'S (2-8)

Jersey City, NJ  
S. 4 Monmouth  
S. 16 Central Conn. State  
O. 16 Duquesne  
O. 30 at Robert Morris  
N. 6 at Iona

## MEAC

### BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9-3)

Daytona Beach, FL  
S. 4 Savannah State  
S. 25 Norfolk State  
O. 2 at Morgan State  
O. 9 Delaware State  
O. 20 #Florida A&M  
O. 30 at North Carolina A&T  
N. 6 at Hampton  
N. 13 Howard  
#Orlando, FL

### DELAWARE STATE (1-10)

Dover, DE  
S. 4 Massachusetts  
S. 11 North Carolina Central  
S. 18 at Elon  
S. 25 Southern Illinois  
O. 2 Hampton  
O. 9 at Bethune-Cookman  
O. 16 North Carolina A&T  
O. 23 at Morgan State  
O. 30 South Carolina State  
N. 13 at Norfolk State  
N. 20 at Howard

### HAMPTON (7-4)

Hampton, VA  
S. 4 #Jackson State  
S. 11 Howard  
S. 18 Western Illinois  
S. 25 #Morgan State  
O. 2 at Delaware State  
O. 9 Gardner-Webb  
O. 16 Norfolk State  
O. 23 at South Carolina State  
N. 6 Bethune-Cookman  
N. 13 North Carolina A&T  
N. 20 at Savannah State  
#Orlando, FL  
#East Rutherford, NJ

### HOWARD (4-7)

Washington, DC  
S. 4 #Alabama State  
S. 11 at Hampton  
S. 18 #Grambling  
S. 25 Savannah State  
O. 9 Charleston Southern  
O. 16 Morgan State  
O. 23 at North Carolina A&T  
O. 30 Norfolk State  
N. 6 at South Carolina State  
N. 13 at Bethune-Cookman  
N. 20 Delaware State  
#Detroit, MI  
#Landover, MD

### MORGAN STATE (6-5)

Baltimore, MD  
S. 4 Bowie State  
S. 11 Gardner-Webb  
S. 18 at San Jose State  
S. 25 #Hampton  
O. 2 Bethune-Cookman  
O. 9 at North Carolina A&T  
O. 16 at Howard  
O. 23 Delaware State  
N. 6 at Norfolk State  
N. 13 at South Carolina State  
N. 20 at Texas Southern  
#East Rutherford, NJ

### NC A&T (10-3)

Greensboro, NC  
S. 5 #North Carolina Central  
S. 11 #Alcorn State  
S. 18 at Wake Forest  
S. 25 Elon  
O. 2 at Norfolk State  
O. 9 Morgan State  
O. 16 at Delaware State  
O. 23 Howard  
O. 30 Bethune-Cookman  
N. 13 at Hampton  
N. 20 #South Carolina State  
#Raleigh, NC  
#Chicago, IL  
#Charlotte, NC

### NORFOLK STATE (1-11)

Norfolk, VA  
S. 4 Virginia State  
S. 11 Savannah State  
S. 25 at Bethune-Cookman  
O. 2 North Carolina A&T  
O. 9 South Carolina State  
O. 16 at Hampton  
O. 30 at Howard  
N. 6 Morgan State  
N. 13 Delaware State

### SC STATE (8-4)

Orangeburg, SC  
S. 4 at Benedict  
S. 11 Wofford  
N. 6 Morgan State  
N. 13 Delaware State  
O. 9 at Norfolk State  
O. 16 Bethune-Cookman  
O. 23 Hampton  
O. 30 at Delaware State  
N. 6 Howard  
N. 13 Morgan State  
N. 20 #North Carolina A&T  
#Indianapolis, IN  
#Charlotte, NC

## NORTHEAST

### ALBANY (7-4)

Albany, NY  
S. 2 at Hofstra  
S. 11 Fordham  
S. 18 at Brown  
S. 25 at Sacred Heart  
O. 2 at Lehigh  
O. 9 St. Francis (PA)  
O. 16 Monmouth  
O. 23 at Stony Brook  
O. 30 Wagner  
N. 6 at Robert Morris  
N. 13 Central Conn. State

### CENTRAL CONN. STATE (3-8)

New Britain, CT  
S. 4 at Sacred Heart  
S. 11 at Rhode Island  
S. 16 at Saint Peter's  
S. 25 Wagner  
O. 2 Marist  
O. 9 at Robert Morris  
O. 23 St. Francis (PA)  
O. 30 at Monmouth  
N. 6 Stony Brook  
N. 13 at Albany

### MONMOUTH (10-2)

W. Long Branch, NJ  
S. 4 at St. Peter's  
S. 11 La Salle  
S. 18 at Robert Morris  
S. 25 Stony Brook  
O. 2 at Iona  
O. 9 at Wagner  
O. 16 at Albany  
O. 23 Georgetown  
O. 30 Central Conn. State  
N. 6 Sacred Heart  
N. 13 St. Francis (PA)

### ROBERT MORRIS (6-4)

Moon Township, PA  
S. 4 Buffalo State  
S. 11 Duquesne  
S. 18 Monmouth  
S. 25 at St. Francis (PA)  
O. 2 at Stony Brook  
O. 9 Central Conn. State  
O. 16 Dayton  
O. 23 at Wagner  
O. 30 St. Peter's  
O. 6 Albany  
O. 13 at Sacred Heart

### SACRED HEART (6-5)

Fairfield, CT  
S. 4 Central Conn. State  
S. 11 at St. Francis (PA)  
S. 18 Iona  
O. 2 Wagner  
O. 30 at Stony Brook  
N. 6 at Monmouth  
N. 13 Robert Morris

### ST. FRANCIS (PA) (1-9)

Loretto, PA  
S. 4 at Georgetown  
S. 11 Sacred Heart  
S. 18 Valparaiso  
S. 25 Robert Morris  
O. 2 La Salle  
O. 9 at Albany  
O. 16 Stony Brook  
O. 23 at Central Conn. State  
O. 30 at Morehead State  
N. 6 Wagner  
N. 13 at Monmouth

### STONY BROOK (6-4)

Stony Brook, NY  
S. 4 at Lehigh  
S. 18 at Wagner  
S. 25 at Monmouth  
O. 2 Robert Morris  
O. 9 Hofstra  
O. 16 at St. Francis (PA)  
O. 23 Albany  
O. 30 Sacred Heart  
N. 6 at Central Conn. State  
N. 13 Iona

### WAGNER (6-5)

Staten Island, NY  
S. 4 at LaSalle  
S. 11 Marist  
S. 18 Stony Brook  
S. 25 at Central Conn. State  
O. 2 at Sacred Heart  
O. 9 Monmouth  
O. 16 Iona  
O. 23 Robert Morris  
O. 30 at Albany  
N. 6 at St. Francis (PA)  
N. 13 at San Diego

## OHIO VALLEY

### EASTERN ILLINOIS (4-8)

Charleston, IL  
S. 11 Indiana State  
S. 18 at Illinois State  
S. 25 at Eastern Michigan  
O. 2 SE Missouri State  
O. 9 at Eastern Kentucky  
O. 16 Murray State  
O. 23 at Tennessee-Martin  
O. 30 Tennessee State  
N. 6 at Tennessee Tech  
N. 13 Jacksonville State  
N. 20 at Samford

## EASTERN KENTUCKY (7-5)

Richmond, KY  
S. 11 at Appalachian State  
S. 18 Western Kentucky  
S. 25 Jacksonville State  
O. 2 at Samford  
O. 9 Eastern Illinois  
O. 16 at SE Missouri State  
O. 23 at Vanderbilt  
O. 30 Murray State  
N. 6 at Tennessee-Martin  
N. 13 Tennessee State  
N. 20 at Tennessee Tech

## JACKSONVILLE STATE (8-4)

Jacksonville, AL  
S. 4 Emporia State  
S. 18 at Chattanooga  
S. 25 at Eastern Kentucky  
O. 2 Murray State  
O. 9 at Tennessee-Martin  
O. 16 Tennessee State  
O. 23 at Tennessee Tech  
N. 6 Samford  
N. 13 at Eastern Illinois  
N. 20 SE Missouri State

## MURRAY STATE (4-8)

Murray, KY  
S. 4 at Connecticut  
S. 18 at Indiana State  
S. 25 Tennessee Tech  
O. 2 at Jacksonville State  
O. 9 Samford  
O. 16 at Eastern Illinois  
O. 23 SE Missouri State  
O. 30 at Eastern Kentucky  
N. 13 Tennessee-Martin  
N. 20 at Tennessee State

## SAMFORD (7-4)

Birmingham, AL  
A. 28 West Alabama  
S. 4 at Georgia Tech  
S. 11 Furman  
S. 25 at SE Missouri State  
O. 2 Eastern Kentucky  
O. 9 at Murray State  
O. 16 Tennessee-Martin  
O. 23 at Tennessee State  
O. 30 Tennessee Tech  
N. 6 at Jacksonville State  
N. 20 Eastern Illinois

## SE MISSOURI STATE (5-7)

Cape Girardeau, MO  
S. 2 at Southern Illinois  
S. 11 at Bowling Green  
S. 18 at Central Michigan  
S. 25 Samford  
O. 2 at Eastern Illinois  
O. 16 Eastern Kentucky  
O. 23 at Murray State  
O. 30 Tennessee-Martin  
N. 6 at Tennessee State  
N. 13 Tennessee Tech  
N. 20 at Jacksonville State

## TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2-10)

Martin, TN  
S. 2 at Western Michigan  
S. 9 Tennessee State  
S. 18 at Austin Peay  
O. 2 at Tennessee Tech  
O. 9 Jacksonville State  
O. 16 at Samford  
O. 23 Eastern Illinois  
O. 30 at Southeast Missouri  
N. 6 Eastern Kentucky  
N. 13 at Murray State

## TENNESSEE STATE (7-5)

Nashville, TN  
S. 4 Alabama A&M  
S. 9 at Tennessee-Martin  
S. 18 #Jackson State  
S. 25 #Florida A&M  
O. 2 #South Carolina State  
O. 16 at Jacksonville State  
O. 23 Samford  
O. 30 at Eastern Illinois  
N. 6 SE Missouri State  
N. 13 at Eastern Kentucky  
N. 20 Murray State

## TENNESSEE TECH (2-9)

Cookeville, TN  
S. 11 at South Florida  
S. 18 at VMI  
S. 25 at Murray State  
O. 2 Tennessee-Martin  
O. 9 Chattanooga  
O. 23 Jacksonville State  
O. 30 at Samford  
N. 6 Eastern Illinois  
N. 13 at SE Missouri State  
N. 20 Eastern Kentucky

## PATRIOT

### BUCKNELL (6-6)

Lewisburg, PA  
S. 2 at Villanova  
S. 18 Cornell  
S. 25 Columbia  
O. 2 at Georgetown  
O. 9 Penn  
O. 16 Lafayette  
O. 23 at Lehigh  
O. 30 at Holy Cross  
N. 6 Fordham  
N. 13 Colgate  
N. 20 at Duquesne



**COLGATE (15-1)**

Hamilton, NY  
S. 11 at Massachusetts  
S. 18 Dartmouth  
S. 25 Georgetown  
O. 2 at Yale  
O. 9 Princeton  
O. 16 at Cornell  
O. 23 Holy Cross  
O. 30 at Lehigh  
N. 6 Lafayette  
N. 13 at Bucknell  
N. 20 at Fordham

**FORDHAM (9-3)**

Bronx, NY  
S. 4 Rhode Island  
S. 11 at Albany  
S. 18 at Columbia  
S. 25 Duquesne  
O. 2 at Holy Cross  
O. 9 Brown  
O. 23 Lafayette  
O. 30 Georgetown  
N. 6 at Bucknell  
N. 13 at Lehigh  
N. 20 Colgate

**GEORGETOWN (4-8)**

Washington, DC  
S. 4 St. Francis (PA)  
S. 11 Lafayette  
S. 18 at Duquesne  
S. 25 at Colgate  
O. 2 Bucknell  
O. 9 VMI  
O. 23 at Monmouth  
O. 30 at Fordham  
N. 6 Lehigh  
N. 13 at Davidson  
N. 20 Holy Cross

**HOLY CROSS (11-11)**

Worcester, MA  
S. 4 Duquesne  
S. 11 San Diego  
S. 18 at Harvard  
O. 2 Fordham  
O. 9 Lehigh  
O. 16 at Dartmouth  
O. 23 at Colgate  
O. 30 Bucknell  
N. 6 Marist  
N. 13 at Lafayette  
N. 20 at Georgetown

**LAFAYETTE (5-6)**

Easton, PA  
S. 4 Marist  
S. 11 at Georgetown  
S. 18 at Princeton  
S. 25 at Richmond  
O. 2 Harvard  
O. 9 at Columbia  
O. 16 at Bucknell  
O. 23 at Fordham  
N. 6 at Colgate  
N. 13 Holy Cross  
N. 20 Lehigh

**LEHIGH (8-3)**

Bethlehem, PA  
S. 4 Stony Brook  
S. 11 Villanova  
S. 18 at Liberty  
O. 2 Albany  
O. 9 at Holy Cross  
O. 16 at Yale  
O. 23 Bucknell  
O. 30 Colgate  
N. 6 at Georgetown  
N. 13 Fordham  
N. 20 at Lafayette

**PIONEER****AUSTIN PEAY (4-7)**

Clarksville, TN  
S. 2 Campbellsville  
S. 11 at Valparaiso  
S. 18 Tennessee-Martin  
S. 25 Dayton  
O. 2 at Butler  
O. 9 Morehead State  
O. 16 at Jacksonville  
O. 23 at St. Joseph's (IN)  
O. 30 Charleston (WV)  
N. 6 Davidson

**BUTLER (2-9)**

Indianapolis, IN  
S. 4 at Albion  
S. 11 Tiffin  
S. 18 at Morehead State  
S. 25 at Davidson  
O. 2 Austin Peay  
O. 9 at St. Francis (IN)  
O. 16 Drake  
O. 23 at Dayton  
O. 30 San Diego  
N. 6 at Valparaiso  
N. 13 St. Joseph's (IN)

**DAVIDSON (3-8)**

Davidson, NC  
S. 11 at Coastal Carolina  
S. 18 at Lenoir-Rhyne  
S. 25 Butler  
O. 2 at Dayton  
O. 9 Jacksonville  
O. 16 Morehead State  
O. 23 at San Diego  
N. 6 at Austin Peay  
N. 13 Georgetown

**DAYTON (9-2)**

Dayton, OH  
S. 2 Tiffin  
S. 11 Morehead State  
S. 18 Yale  
S. 25 at Austin Peay  
O. 2 Davidson  
O. 9 at Valparaiso  
O. 16 at Robert Morris  
O. 23 Butler  
O. 30 Drake  
N. 6 at San Diego

**DRAKE (6-6)**

Des Moines, IA  
S. 2 at SW Missouri State  
S. 11 William Penn  
S. 18 Wisconsin-Platteville  
S. 25 Morehead State  
O. 2 at Jacksonville  
O. 9 San Diego  
O. 16 at Butler  
O. 23 Valparaiso  
O. 30 at Dayton  
N. 6 Upper Iowa  
N. 13 Waldorf

**JACKSONVILLE (5-6)**

Jacksonville, FL  
S. 2 at Florida International  
S. 11 at Wingate  
S. 18 Charleston Southern  
S. 25 at Valparaiso  
O. 2 Drake  
O. 9 at Davidson  
O. 16 Austin Peay  
O. 23 at Morehead State  
O. 30 Webber International  
N. 6 Southeastern Louisiana  
N. 13 at Coastal Carolina

**MOREHEAD STATE (8-3)**

Morehead, KY  
S. 4 Coastal Carolina  
S. 11 at Dayton  
S. 18 Butler  
S. 25 at Drake  
O. 2 Valparaiso  
O. 9 at Austin Peay  
O. 16 at Davidson  
O. 23 Jacksonville  
O. 30 St. Francis (PA)  
N. 6 at Charleston (WV)  
N. 13 at Duquesne

**SAN DIEGO (8-2)**

San Diego, CA  
S. 4 at Azusa Pacific  
S. 11 at Holy Cross  
S. 18 Penn  
S. 25 Princeton  
O. 2 Southern Oregon  
O. 9 at Drake  
O. 16 Valparaiso  
O. 23 Davidson  
O. 30 at Butler  
N. 6 Dayton  
N. 13 Wagner

**VALPARAISO (8-4)**

Valparaiso, IN  
S. 4 at Wisconsin Lutheran  
S. 11 Austin Peay  
S. 18 at St. Francis (PA)  
S. 25 Jacksonville  
O. 2 at Morehead State  
O. 9 Dayton  
O. 16 at San Diego  
O. 23 at Drake  
N. 6 Butler  
N. 13 Aurora

**SOUTHERN****APPALACHIAN STATE (7-4)**

Boone, NC  
S. 4 at Wyoming  
S. 11 Eastern Kentucky  
S. 18 The Citadel  
S. 25 at Northwestern State  
O. 2 Texas State  
O. 9 Furman  
O. 16 at Georgia Southern  
O. 23 Wofford  
O. 30 at Chattanooga  
N. 6 Elon  
N. 13 at Western Carolina

**CHATTANOOGA (3-9)**

Chattanooga, TN  
S. 11 at Memphis  
S. 18 Jacksonville State  
S. 25 Georgia Southern  
O. 2 at Wofford  
O. 9 at Tennessee Tech  
O. 16 Elon  
O. 23 at Western Carolina  
O. 30 Appalachian State  
N. 6 at The Citadel  
N. 13 Liberty  
N. 20 at Furman

**ELON (2-10)**

Elon, NC  
S. 4 Towson  
S. 18 Delaware State  
S. 25 at North Carolina A&T  
O. 2 at Georgia Southern  
O. 9 Wofford  
O. 16 at Chattanooga  
O. 23 Furman  
O. 30 Western Carolina  
N. 6 at Appalachian State  
N. 13 The Citadel  
N. 20 at Liberty

**FURMAN (6-5)**

Greenville, SC  
S. 4 Presbyterian  
S. 11 at Samford  
S. 18 at Gardner-Webb  
S. 25 at Pittsburgh  
O. 2 Western Carolina  
O. 9 at Appalachian State  
O. 16 The Citadel  
O. 23 at Elon  
N. 6 Georgia Southern  
N. 13 at Wofford  
N. 20 Chattanooga

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (7-4)**

Statesboro, GA  
S. 4 at Georgia  
S. 11 Johnson C. Smith  
S. 18 Wofford  
S. 25 at Chattanooga  
O. 2 Elon  
O. 9 at Western Carolina  
O. 16 Appalachian State  
O. 23 at The Citadel  
O. 30 South Dakota State  
N. 6 at Furman  
N. 13 at Florida International

**THE CITADEL (6-6)**

Charleston, SC  
S. 4 Charleston Southern  
S. 18 at Appalachian State  
O. 16 at Furman  
O. 23 Georgia Southern  
S. 30 at Wofford  
N. 6 Chattanooga  
N. 13 at Elon  
N. 20 Western Carolina

**WESTERN CAROLINA (5-7)**

Cullowhee, NC  
S. 2 West Virginia State  
S. 11 Nicholls State  
S. 18 at Alabama  
S. 25 at Gardner-Webb  
O. 2 at Furman  
O. 9 Georgia Southern  
O. 16 at Wofford  
O. 23 Chattanooga  
O. 30 at Elon  
N. 13 Appalachian State  
N. 20 at The Citadel

**WOFFORD (12-2)**

Spartanburg, SC  
S. 11 at South Carolina State  
S. 18 at Georgia Southern  
S. 25 Johnson C. Smith  
O. 2 Chattanooga  
O. 9 at Elon  
O. 16 Western Carolina  
O. 23 at Appalachian State  
O. 30 The Citadel  
N. 6 Gardner-Webb  
N. 13 Furman  
N. 20 at VMI

**SOUTHLAND****MCNEESE STATE (10-2)**

Lake Charles, LA  
S. 11 Southeastern Louisiana  
S. 18 Youngstown State  
S. 25 at Portland State  
O. 2 Southern Utah  
O. 16 at Northwestern State  
O. 23 at Florida International  
O. 30 Texas State  
N. 6 at Sam Houston  
N. 13 at Stephen F. Austin  
N. 20 Nicholls State

**NICHOLLS STATE (5-6)**

Thibodaux, LA  
S. 2 Eastern Washington  
S. 11 at Western Carolina  
S. 18 Texas A&M-Kingsville  
S. 25 at Texas Southern  
O. 2 North Dakota State  
O. 9 at Florida A&M  
O. 16 at Sam Houston  
O. 23 Northwestern State  
N. 6 Stephen F. Austin  
N. 13 at Texas State  
N. 20 at McNeese State

**NORTHWESTERN STATE (6-6)**

Natchitoches, LA  
S. 4 at UL Lafayette  
S. 11 at Jackson State  
S. 18 Texas Southern  
S. 25 Appalachian State  
O. 2 Okla. Panhandle State  
O. 16 McNeese State  
O. 23 at Nicholls State  
O. 30 at North Dakota State  
N. 6 Texas State  
N. 13 Sam Houston  
N. 20 at Stephen F. Austin

**SAM HOUSTON (2-9)**

Huntsville, TX  
S. 4 Ouachita Baptist  
S. 11 at SW Missouri State  
S. 18 Montana  
S. 25 at Southeastern La.  
O. 7 Tarleton State  
N. 6 Nicholls State  
O. 23 Northern Colorado  
O. 30 at Stephen F. Austin  
N. 6 McNeese State  
N. 13 at Northwestern State  
N. 20 Texas State

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (7-4)**

Nacogdoches, TX  
S. 4 Henderson State  
S. 11 Northern Arizona  
S. 18 at Northern Iowa  
S. 25 Southern Utah  
O. 9 Florida International  
O. 16 at UC-Davis  
O. 23 at Texas State  
O. 30 Sam Houston  
N. 6 at Nicholls State  
N. 13 McNeese State  
N. 20 Northwestern State

**TEXAS STATE (4-8)**

San Marcos, TX  
S. 4 Angelo State  
S. 11 at Baylor  
S. 18 Southeastern Louisiana  
O. 2 at Appalachian State  
O. 9 Florida Atlantic  
O. 16 at Cal Poly  
O. 23 Stephen F. Austin  
O. 30 at McNeese State  
N. 6 at Northwestern State  
N. 13 Nicholls State  
N. 20 at Sam Houston

**SWAC****ALABAMA A&M (8-4)**

Huntsville, AL  
S. 4 at Tennessee State  
S. 11 Grambling  
S. 18 Miss. Valley State  
S. 25 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
O. 2 at Texas Southern  
O. 9 Southern  
O. 16 Savannah State  
O. 30 Alabama State  
N. 6 at Jackson State  
N. 13 Alcorn State  
N. 20 Prairie View A&M  
#St. Louis, MO  
#Augusta, GA  
#Birmingham, AL

**ALABAMA STATE (8-5)**

Montgomery, AL  
S. 4 #Howard  
S. 11 Texas Southern  
S. 18 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
S. 25 at Alcorn State  
O. 2 Southern  
O. 9 Jackson State  
O. 16 at Prairie View A&M  
O. 30 Alabama A&M  
N. 6 at Grambling  
N. 13 Miss. Valley State  
#Detroit, MI  
#Mobile, AL  
#Birmingham, AL

**ALCORN STATE (7-5)**

Lorman, MS  
S. 4 at Grambling  
S. 11 North Carolina A&T  
S. 25 Alabama State  
O. 9 at Prairie View A&M  
O. 16 Texas Southern  
O. 23 Southern  
O. 30 at Southeastern La.  
N. 6 at Miss. Valley State  
N. 13 at Alabama A&M  
N. 20 at Jackson State  
N. 27 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
#Chicago, IL

**ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (4-7)**

Pine Bluff, AR  
S. 18 at Alabama State  
S. 25 Alabama A&M  
O. 9 at Texas Southern  
O. 16 at Grambling  
O. 30 Jackson State  
N. 6 Prairie View A&M  
N. 27 at Alcorn State  
#St. Louis, MO

**GRAMBLING (9-3)**

Grambling, LA  
S. 4 Alcorn State  
S. 11 at Alabama A&M  
S. 18 #Howard  
O. 2 #Prairie View A&M  
O. 9 at Miss. Valley State  
O. 16 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
O. 23 Jackson State  
O. 30 at Texas Southern  
N. 6 Alabama State  
N. 13 at Savannah State  
N. 27 #Southern  
#Landover, MD  
\$Dallas, TX  
#New Orleans, LA

**JACKSON STATE (2-10)**

Jackson, MS  
S. 4 #Hampton  
S. 11 Northwestern State  
S. 18 Tennessee State  
S. 25 Miss. Valley State  
O. 9 Alabama State  
O. 16 Southern  
O. 23 at Grambling  
O. 30 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
N. 6 Alabama A&M  
N. 13 at Prairie View A&M  
N. 20 Alcorn State  
#Orlando, FL  
#Memphis, TN  
\$Mobile, AL  
#New Orleans, LA

**MISS. VALLEY STATE (2-9)**

Itta Bena, MS  
S. 18 at Alabama A&M  
S. 25 at Jackson State  
O. 9 Grambling  
O. 23 at Texas Southern  
O. 30 Prairie View A&M  
N. 6 Alcorn State  
N. 13 at Alabama State

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1-9)**

Prairie View, TX  
S. 4 at Texas Southern  
S. 11 at Paul Quinn  
S. 18 #Southern  
O. 2 #Grambling State  
O. 9 Alcorn State  
O. 16 Alabama State  
O. 23 Lincoln  
O. 30 at Miss. Valley State  
N. 6 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
N. 13 Jackson State  
N. 20 at Alabama A&M  
#Dallas, TX  
#Houston, TX

**SOUTHERN (12-1)**

Baton Rouge, LA  
S. 18 #Prairie View A&M  
O. 2 at Alabama State  
O. 9 Alabama A&M  
O. 16 Jackson State  
O. 23 Texas Southern  
N. 27 #Grambling  
#Houston, TX  
#New Orleans, LA

**TEXAS SOUTHERN (5-6)**

Houston, TX  
S. 4 #Prairie View A&M  
S. 11 at Alabama State  
S. 18 at Northwestern State  
S. 25 Nicholls State  
O. 2 Alabama A&M  
O. 9 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
O. 16 at Alcorn State  
O. 23 Miss. Valley State  
O. 30 Grambling  
N. 13 at Southern  
N. 20 Morgan State  
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**I-AA Independents****CAL POLY (7-4)**

San Luis Obispo, CA  
S. 4 Humboldt State  
S. 11 at Idaho State  
S. 18 at Montana State  
O. 2 South Dakota State  
O. 9 at Southern Utah  
O. 16 Texas State  
O. 23 at North Dakota State  
O. 30 UC Davis  
N. 6 at Eastern Washington  
N. 13 Northern Colorado  
N. 20 at Sacramento State

**FLORIDA A&M (6-6)**

Tallahassee, FL  
S. 4 at Illinois  
S. 11 at Tulane  
S. 18 at Temple  
S. 25 Tennessee State  
O. 2 Virginia Union  
O. 9 Nicholls State  
O. 16 at Virginia Tech  
O. 23 Savannah State  
O. 30 Florida Atlantic  
N. 20 Bethune-Cookman  
N. 27 at Florida International  
#Atlanta, GA  
#Orlando, FL

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC (11-3)**

Boca Raton, FL  
S. 4 at Hawaii  
S. 11 at North Texas  
S. 18 at Middle Tennessee  
S. 25 Illinois State  
O. 9 at Texas State  
O. 16 at Northern Colorado  
O. 23 UL Monroe  
O. 30 at Florida A&M  
N. 6 at Troy State  
N. 13 New Mexico State  
N. 20 Florida International

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (2-10)**

Miami, FL  
S. 2 Jacksonville  
S. 11 at Youngstown State  
S. 25 Western Kentucky  
O. 2 UL Lafayette  
O. 9 at Stephen F. Austin  
O. 16 at UL Monroe  
O. 23 McNeese State  
O. 30 at New Mexico State  
N. 13 Georgia Southern  
N. 20 at Florida Atlantic  
N. 27 Florida A&M

**SAVANNAH STATE (0-12)**

Savannah, GA  
S. 4 at Bethune-Cookman  
S. 11 at Norfolk State  
S. 18 South Carolina State  
S. 25 at Howard  
O. 9 Albany State  
O. 16 Alabama A&M  
O. 23 at Florida A&M  
O. 30 Allen  
N. 6 at Coastal Carolina  
N. 13 Grambling  
N. 20 Hampton  
#Macon, GA  
#Augusta, GA



# 2004-05 Bowl Schedule

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<b>New Orleans Bowl</b> 8:00 pm Tuesday	<b>New Orleans, La.</b> ESPN2	<b>Dec. 14</b> Sun Belt vs. C-USA	<b>Continental Tire Bowl</b> 1:00 pm Thursday	<b>Charlotte, N.C.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 30</b> ACC vs. Big East
<b>Tangerine Bowl</b> 7:30 pm Tuesday	<b>Orlando, Fla.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 21</b> ACC vs. Big 12	<b>Houston Bowl</b> 3:30 pm Thursday	<b>Houston, Texas</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 30</b> SEC vs. Big 12
<b>GMAC Bowl</b> 8:00 pm Wednesday	<b>Mobile, Ala.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 22</b> MAC vs. C-USA	<b>Emerald Bowl</b> 4:30 pm Thursday	<b>San Francisco, Calif.</b> ESPN2	<b>Dec. 30</b> MWC vs. Pac-10
<b>Fort Worth Bowl</b> 6:30 pm Thursday	<b>Fort Worth, Texas</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 23</b> Big 12 vs. C-USA	<b>Holiday Bowl</b> 8:00 pm Thursday	<b>San Diego, Calif.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 30</b> Pac-10 vs. Big 12
<b>Las Vegas Bowl</b> 9:30 pm Thursday	<b>Las Vegas, Nev.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 23</b> Pac-10 vs. MWC	<b>Music City Bowl</b> Noon Friday	<b>Nashville, Tenn.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 31</b> SEC vs. Big Ten
<b>Hawaii Bowl</b> 2:00 pm Friday	<b>Honolulu, Hawaii</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 24</b> WAC vs. C-USA	<b>Sun Bowl</b> 2:00 pm Friday	<b>El Paso, Texas</b> CBS	<b>Dec. 31</b> Pac-10 vs. Big Ten
<b>MPC Computers Bowl</b> 2:00 pm Monday	<b>Boise, Idaho</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 27</b> WAC vs. ACC	<b>Liberty Bowl</b> 3:30 pm Friday	<b>Memphis, Tenn.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 31</b> C-USA vs. MWC
<b>Motor City Bowl</b> 5:30 pm Monday	<b>Detroit, Mich.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 27</b> MAC vs. Big Ten	<b>Peach Bowl</b> 7:30 pm Friday	<b>Atlanta, Ga.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 31</b> SEC vs. ACC
<b>Independence Bowl</b> 6:30 pm Tuesday	<b>Shreveport, La.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 28</b> Big 12 vs. SEC	<b>Outback Bowl</b> 11:00 am Saturday	<b>Tampa, Fla.</b> ESPN	<b>Jan. 1</b> SEC vs. Big Ten
<b>Insight Bowl</b> 9:30 pm Tuesday	<b>Phoenix, Ariz.</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 28</b> Pac-10 vs. Big East	<b>Cotton Bowl</b> 11:00 am Saturday	<b>Dallas, Texas</b> FOX	<b>Jan. 1</b> Big 12 vs. SEC
<b>Alamo Bowl</b> 8:00 pm Wednesday	<b>San Antonio, Texas</b> ESPN	<b>Dec. 29</b> Big Ten vs. Big 12	<b>Gator Bowl</b> 12:30 pm Saturday	<b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b> NBC	<b>Jan. 1</b> ACC vs. Big East
<b>Silicon Valley Football Classic</b> 11:00 pm Wednesday	<b>San Jose, Calif.</b> ESPN2	<b>Dec. 29</b> Pac-10 vs. WAC	<b>Capital One Bowl</b> 1:00 pm Saturday	<b>Orlando, Fla.</b> ABC	<b>Jan. 1</b> SEC vs. Big Ten

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## BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

**Jan. 1 Rose Bowl**

Pasadena, CA  
5:00 pm ABC  


**Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl**

Tempe, AZ  
8:30 pm ABC  


**Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl**

New Orleans, LA  
8:00 pm ABC  


**Jan. 4 Orange Bowl**

Miami, FL  
8:00 pm ABC  




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## Jamie Hill, South Carolina

Major: Advertising

Class: Junior

Hometown: Irmo, S.C.

**Why did you choose South Carolina?** I chose to go to USC because it is near my family and I didn't want to be too far away from them. Plus, I grew up being a Gamecock fan.

**What do you want to do after you finish school?** Work for a small advertising firm based out of Columbia, and then eventually, go to work for a larger firm out of South Carolina.



**What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Learning to play the guitar, working out, hanging out with my friends and dancing.

**What else should we know about you?** Co-ed varsity cheerleader and a Carolina Classic, Dean's List in the School of Journalism, National Honor Society

**Most admired person outside of your family:** Lou Holtz. He is an amazing speaker and a very talented person.

**Prized possession:** My dog Rocky.

**Who is your hero?** My mom is my hero, because she is a superwoman.

Kent Smith



## Chelsea Kimmerling, Nebraska Winner of the 2003 Athlon Sideline Spirit Contest

The visitors to [www.athlonsports.com](http://www.athlonsports.com) in 2003 selected Chelsea as the winner of the inaugural Athlon Sideline Spirit Contest. For earning the most votes during our season-long program, Miss Kimmerling is featured here, and the Nebraska cheerleading program received a \$1,000 donation from Athlon Sports.

The 2004 Athlon Sideline Spirit contest will start in conjunction with the college football season and run through the national championship game in January. Visit [www.athlonsports.com](http://www.athlonsports.com) to see cheerleaders from across the country, and then you decide who will be featured here next year.

The Athlon Sports Sideline Spirit Contest – Giving you one more reason to look forward to college football season!

**Major:** Nursing

**Class:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Beatrice, Neb.

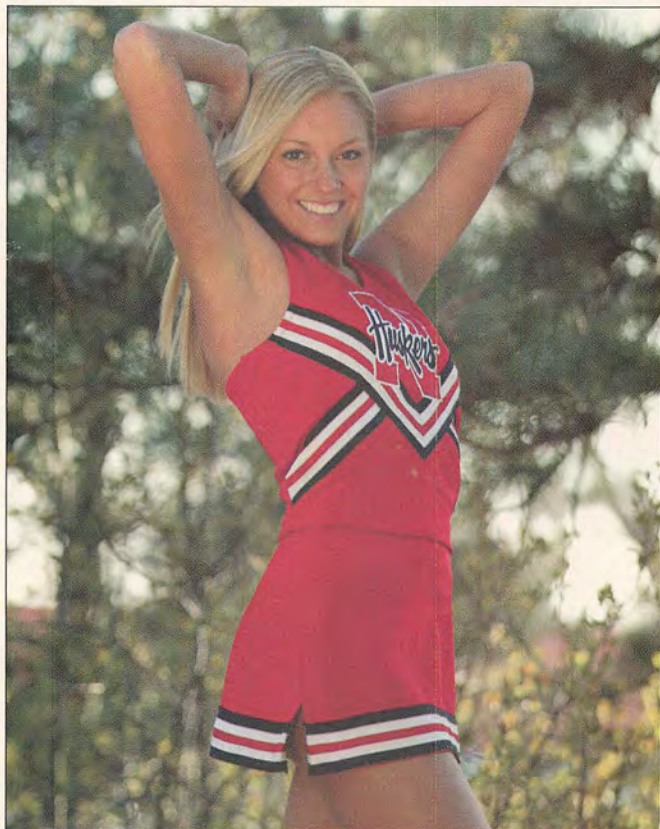
**Why did you choose Nebraska?** It's close to home, it has a good nursing program, and it has great tradition.

**What do you want to do after you finish school?** Start a great career in nursing and start a family.

**What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Work out, go shopping, hang out with my friends and family. I also love tennis.

**What else should we know about you?** I have a 3.8 GPA.

**Prized possession:** My dog Mochie. She's my best buddy and she's adorable.





## Stephanie N. Larkin, Purdue

**Major:** Food Science and Technology

**Class:** Junior

**Hometown:** Auburn, Ala.

**Why did you choose Purdue?** There was a combination of reasons. First, I chose Purdue because it has an excellent academic reputation. Second, the fact that they have one of the premier Food Science departments in the country. Third, because of the outstanding cheerleading program. And lastly, because of the friendly campus environment.

**What do you want to do after you finish school?** My ultimate goal is to attend medical school at Vanderbilt University. I would like to establish a successful practice in Atlanta, Georgia.

**What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Singing and performing, horseback riding, golfing and riding motorcycles.

**What else should we know about you?** I tried out for the most recent American Idol in Atlanta, Georgia. Out of 10,000 people, I was one of 360 people chosen to advance to the second round. I plan to try out again and WIN next year. Also, I've won several Civitan and 4-H speech contests, and I was a part of the Purdue cheerleading team when we won second place in Daytona Beach, Florida.

**Role model for your profession:** Dr. Patricia Williams, who is a doctor in my community. She gave me the first up-close glimpse of the medical profession by allowing me to shadow her doing rounds at the hospital.

**Prized possession:** My dog Oscar Meyer.

**Who is your hero?** I have two heroes. My parents have always been there for me. They have supported me in all my endeavors. They have also been great role models for me and my brother. They are servant leaders and are always willing to help people who are less fortunate. They are great examples of caring and sharing. Lastly, they believe to whom much is given, much is required.



Ric Fogel



## Cristen Marzula, Cincinnati

**Major:** Design, Art, Architecture and Planning

**Class:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Youngstown, Ohio

**Why did you choose Cincinnati?** The college of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning is one of the largest, most comprehensive and respected professional schools of the visual arts in the country. Also, consistently ranking among the very best in the country is the UC cheerleading program.

**What do you want to do after you finish school?** After I finish my bachelor's degree in art history, I would like to continue my education into a master's in Art History or Business.

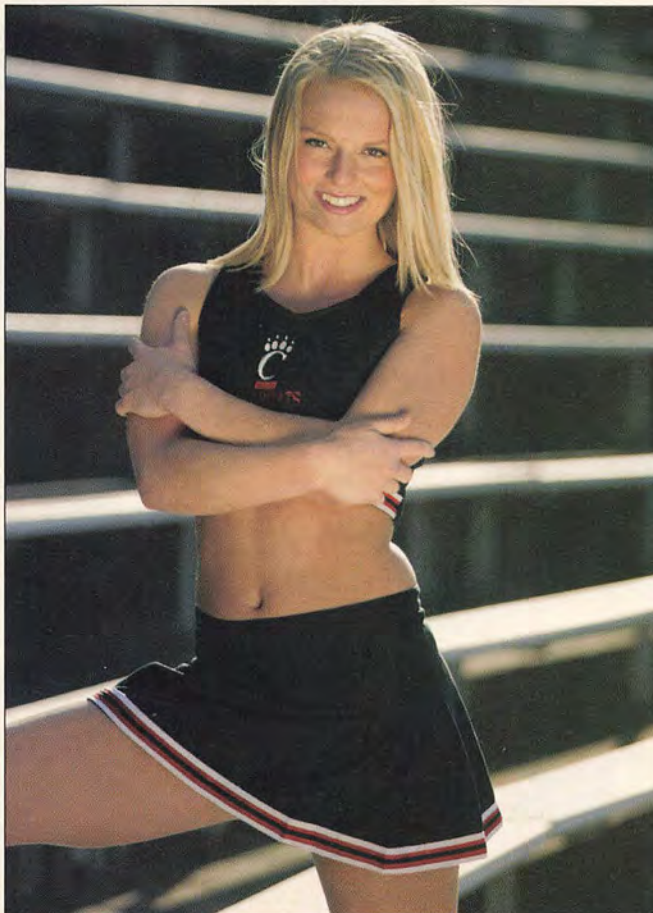
**What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** What free time?!

**What else should we know about you?** I am a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, a member of the UC cheer squad that placed eighth this past January at the College National Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, and a third-year instructor for the Universal Cheerleaders Association's staff.

**Most admired person outside of your family:** My former gymnastics coach, Irina Milogradova. She is a former Soviet Federation coach who is a world-renowned choreographer. Her most recent accolades include choreographing floor and beam routines for American Olympians as well as the 2000 Australian Olympic Team. While training skills to perfection, she was able to instill the passion for performance.

**Prized possession:** My plethora of plaques, trophies and medals from my days as a competitive gymnast at the junior Olympic level.

**Who is your hero?** My mommy is definitely my hero! She has always been my No. 1 fan and pushed me to succeed in every aspect of life.





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## Top 100 Freshmen of 2004

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1. Adrian Peterson	RB	6'2"	210	Palestine, TX	Oklahoma	51. Derrick McPhearson	WR	6'1"	185	Hyattsville, MD	Florida
2. Rhett Bomar	QB	6'4"	205	Grand Prairie, TX	Oklahoma	52. Olu Hall	DL	6'5"	220	Fairfax, VA	Virginia
3. Early Doucet	WR	6'0"	211	Saint Martinville, LA	LSU	53. George Bell	RB	5'11"	225	Fayetteville, NC	Va. Tech
4. Jeff Byers	OL	6'3"	275	Fort Collins, CO	USC	54. Marlon Favorite	DL	6'1"	310	Harvey, LA	LSU
5. Brandon Miller	DL	6'4"	225	Colquitt, GA	Georgia	55. A.J. Bryant	QB	6'2"	185	Fort Valley, GA	Georgia
6. Keith Rivers	LB	6'3"	220	Lake Mary, FL	USC	56. Ja'Kouri Williams	RB	5'11"	185	Plaquemine, LA	Tennessee
7. Xavier Lee	QB	6'4"	200	Daytona Beach, FL	Florida St.	57. Adrian Arrington	WR	6'2"	175	Cedar Rapids, IA	Michigan
8. DeMario Pressley	DL	6'4"	285	Greensboro, NC	NC State	58. Kyle Jackson	DB	6'1"	190	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida
9. Derrick Harvey	DL	6'5"	235	Greenbelt, MD	Florida	59. J.R. Bryant	DB	6'1"	170	Miami, FL	Florida St.
10. Jeff Schweiger	DL	6'4"	250	San Jose, CA	USC	60. Aaron Jones	DL	6'3"	270	Orlando, FL	Florida St.
11. Willie Williams	LB	6'2"	230	Miami, FL	Miami	61. Marque Hall	DL	6'5"	310	Marshville, NC	S. Carolina
12. Calvin Johnson	WR	6'4"	210	Tyrone, GA	Georgia Tech	62. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
13. Charles Johnson	DL	6'2"	237	Hawkinsville, GA	Georgia	63. Doug Dutch	WR	6'0"	190	Bowie, MD	Michigan
14. Ted Ginn	DB	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio St.	64. Nikita Stover	WR	6'2"	187	Hartselle, AL	Alabama
15. Dan Connor	LB	6'3"	220	Wallingford, PA	Penn St.	65. Andrew Johnson	RB	5'11"	205	Pittsburgh, PA	Miami
16. Glenn Dorsey	DT	6'2"	295	Gonzales, LA	LSU	66. Tim Jamison	DL	6'3"	230	Riverdale, IL	Michigan
17. Anthony Morelli	QB	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn St.	67. Derrick Jones	WR	6'2"	180	Gardenia, CA	USC
18. Brian Toal	LB	6'2"	230	Ramsey, NJ	Boston Coll.	68. Robert Ayers	LB	6'3"	229	St. Clio, SC	Tennessee
19. Xavier Carter	WR	6'3"	190	Melbourne, FL	LSU	69. Bobby Tatum	DB	6'1"	195	Fort Worth, TX	Texas
20. Fred Davis	WR	6'4"	215	Toledo, OH	USC	70. Peyton Hillis	RB	6'1"	245	Conway, AR	Arkansas
21. Leon Hart	OL	6'5"	290	Columbia, SC	Auburn	71. Lendy Holmes	DB	6'2"	180	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
22. Cameron Colvin	WR	6'2"	190	Concord, CA	Oregon	72. Drew Weatherford	QB	6'3"	205	Land O' Lakes, FL	Florida St.
23. Chad Henne	QB	6'3"	215	Wyomissing, PA	Michigan	73. Nathan Jones	WR	6'1"	180	Texarkana, TX	Texas
24. Franklin Okam	DL	6'5"	300	Richardson, TX	Texas	74. Chris Patterson	LB	6'3"	225	Chicago, IL	Oklahoma
25. Kyle Williams	LB	6'2"	220	Bolingbrook, IL	Iowa	75. Lydon Murtha	OL	6'8"	315	Hutchinson, MN	Nebraska
26. Demonte Bolden	DL	6'5"	294	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee	76. Aaron Klovas	OL	6'6"	300	Spanaway, WA	Oregon
27. Charlie Jones	RB	5'11"	200	Homestead, FL	Miami	77. Matt Boss	OL	6'5"	295	Cherryvale, KS	Kansas St.
28. Greg Harrison	OL	6'5"	295	Shenandoah, PA	Penn St.	78. Rory Nicol	TE	6'5"	245	Beaver, PA	Ohio State
29. Andrew Kelson	DB	6'3"	210	Houston, TX	Texas	79. Ryan Miller	OL	6'5"	310	Lake Charles, LA	LSU
30. Zach Miller	TE	6'4"	240	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona St.	80. Kenny O'Neal	WR	6'0"	195	Oakland, CA	Florida St.
31. Alex Fletcher	OL	6'4"	290	Old Brookville, NY	Stanford	81. Lawrence Timmons	LB	6'2"	225	Florence, SC	Florida St.
32. Kirby Freeman	QB	6'3"	190	Brownwood, TX	Miami	82. Chris Smith	DL	6'5"	265	Allen, TX	Texas A&M
33. Robert Reid	QB	6'3"	225	Galena Park, TX	Oklahoma St.	83. D.J. Wolfe	RB	6'0"	195	Lawton, OK	Oklahoma
34. Marcus Walker	DB	5'11"	185	Waco, TX	Oklahoma	84. Lavelle Hawkins	WR	5'11"	175	Stockton, CA	LSU
35. Matt Tuiaosopo	QB	6'2"	210	Woodinville, WA	Washington	85. Cornelius Ingram	QB	6'5"	215	Hawthorne, FL	Florida
36. Lance Leggett	WR	6'4"	180	Arlington, TX	Miami	86. Mike Mangold	DL	6'3"	250	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
37. James Bryant	LB	6'3"	240	Reading, PA	Miami	87. Freddie Barnett	DL	6'0"	300	Texarkana, AR	Arkansas
38. Brian Brohm	QB	6'4"	205	Louisville, KY	Louisville	88. Calvin Darity	OL	6'4"	275	Tallahassee, FL	N. Carolina
39. Jamaal Edwards	RB	6'0"	200	Greensboro, NC	Florida St.	89. Stephen McGee	QB	6'2"	205	Burnet, TX	Texas A&M
40. Roland Martin	OL	6'6"	340	Chicago, IL	Michigan St.	90. Michael Bumpus	WR	6'0"	190	Culver City, CA	Wash. St.
41. Bobby Washington	RB	6'0"	200	Miami, FL	Miami	91. Jordan Shipley	WR	6'0"	180	Burnet, TX	Texas
42. Andre Brown	RB	6'1"	210	Greenville, NC	NC State	92. Brigham Harwell	DL	6'2"	250	Hacienda Heights, CA	UCLA
43. Kyle Mitchum	OL	6'6"	275	Erie, PA	Ohio State	93. Willie Gasper	DB	5'11"	180	Concord, CA	Oregon
44. Dwayne Jarrett	WR	6'5"	195	New Brunswick, NJ	USC	94. Greg Hinds	DB	6'1"	205	Southaven, MS	Memphis
45. Cortney Grixby	DB	5'9"	165	Omaha, NE	Nebraska	95. Brett Gallimore	OL	6'6"	305	Parville, MO	Michigan
46. Thomas Brown	RB	5'10"	185	Tucker, GA	Georgia	96. Herman Johnson	OL	6'7"	380	Denton, TX	LSU
47. Thomas Herring	DL	6'6"	315	Los Angeles, CA	USC	97. William Morrissey	DL	6'2"	280	Silsbee, TX	Texas A&M
48. Dwayne Hendricks	DL	6'4"	245	Millville, NJ	Miami	98. Dwayne Jones	RB	6'1"	230	Lakewood, NJ	Rutgers
49. Phillip Mbakogu	DL	6'2"	260	Hayward, CA	California	99. Josh Johnson	LB	6'2"	225	Stone Mountain, GA	Georgia
50. Calais Campbell	DL	6'7"	230	Denver, CO	Miami	100. Raymond Williams	RB	6'0"	180	Cleveland, OH	W. Virginia



## Top 50 Recruiting Classes

1. USC
2. LSU
3. Miami
4. Florida State
5. Georgia
6. Florida
7. Michigan
8. Oklahoma
9. Ohio State
10. Tennessee
11. Texas
12. Texas A&M
13. Oregon
14. Alabama
15. Penn State
16. Kansas State
17. Maryland
18. Michigan State
19. Auburn
20. Purdue
21. Washington
22. Boston College
23. Washington State
24. Arkansas
25. Nebraska
26. NC State
27. California
28. Oregon State
29. Arizona State
30. Ole Miss
31. Notre Dame
32. Missouri
33. UCLA
34. South Carolina
35. Oklahoma State
36. Iowa
37. North Carolina
38. Texas Tech
39. Virginia Tech
40. Virginia
41. Wisconsin
42. Arizona
43. South Florida
44. Iowa State
45. Pittsburgh
46. Kentucky
47. Colorado
48. Illinois
49. West Virginia
50. San Diego State

## ACC Rankings

1. Miami
2. Florida State
3. Maryland
4. NC State
5. North Carolina
6. Virginia Tech
7. Virginia
8. Georgia Tech
9. Clemson
10. Duke
11. Wake Forest

1. Xavier Lee	QB	6'3"	210	Daytona Beach, FL	Florida State
2. Demario Pressley	DL	6'4"	290	Greensboro, NC	NC State
3. Willie Williams	LB	6'2"	230	Miami, FL	Miami
4. Calvin Johnson	WR	6'4"	215	Tyrone, GA	Georgia Tech
5. Charlie Jones	RB	5'11"	200	Miami, FL	Miami
6. Kirby Freeman	QB	6'2"	190	Brownwood, TX	Miami
7. Lance Leggett	WR	6'3"	180	Arlington, TX	Miami
8. James Bryant	LB	6'3"	240	Reading, PA	Miami
9. Jamaal Edwards	RB	6'0"	200	Greensboro, NC	Florida State
10. Bobby Washington	RB	6'0"	200	Miami, FL	Miami
11. Andre Brown	RB	6'2"	200	Greenville, NC	NC State
12. Dwayne Hendricks	DL	6'4"	245	Millville, NJ	Miami
13. Calais Campbell	DL	6'8"	235	Denver, CO	Miami
14. Olu Hall	LB	6'4"	220	Fairfax, VA	Virginia
15. George Bell	RB	5'11"	225	Fayetteville, NC	Virginia Tech
16. JR Bryant	DB	6'0"	165	Miami, FL	Florida State
17. Aaron Jones	DL	6'2"	275	Orlando, FL	Florida State
18. Andrew Johnson	RB	5'11"	195	Pittsburgh, PA	Miami
19. Drew Weatherford	QB	6'2"	195	Land O' Lakes, FL	Florida State
20. Kenny O'Neal	WR	6'0"	210	Oakland, CA	Florida State

## Big East Rankings

1. Boston College
2. Pittsburgh
3. West Virginia
4. Syracuse
5. Rutgers
6. Temple
7. Connecticut

1. Brian Toal	LB	6'2"	230	Ramsey, NJ	Boston College
2. Dwayne Jones	RB	6'1"	235	Lakewood, NJ	Rutgers
3. Raymond Williams	RB	5'11"	185	Cleveland, OH	West Virginia
4. Brandon Barrett	WR	6'0"	180	Martinsville, WV	West Virginia
5. Brandon Robinson	WR	6'0"	190	Minneapolis, MN	Boston College
6. Vernon Smith	LB	6'0"	235	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Pittsburgh
7. Curtis Brinkley	RB	5'9"	180	Philadelphia, PA	Syracuse
8. Keith Willis	RB	6'1"	245	Stoughton, MA	Boston College
9. Tyler Benoit	RB	6'1"	195	Broussard, LA	West Virginia
10. Chris Crane	QB	6'5"	225	Mechanicsburg, PA	Boston College
11. Corey Davis	DL	6'1"	300	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
12. Cherry Lewis	DE	6'3"	210	Patterson, NJ	Rutgers
13. Craig Bokor	DL	6'3"	270	Aliquippa, PA	Pittsburgh
14. Marquise Liverpool	DB	5'10"	180	Teaneck, NJ	Boston College
15. Terry Willette	DL	6'5"	240	Mansfield, MA	Boston College
16. John Bradshaw	OL	6'5"	300	Fredericksburg, VA	West Virginia
17. Anthony Miller	WR	6'0"	170	Edison, NJ	Rutgers
18. Adam Gunn	DB	6'1"	200	Vandergrift, PA	Pittsburgh
19. Donte Woodyard	LB	6'4"	220	District Heights, MD	Syracuse
20. Scott McKillop	LB	6'2"	220	Export, PA	Pittsburgh

## Big Ten Rankings

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Penn State
4. Mich. State
5. Purdue
6. Iowa
7. Wisconsin
8. Illinois
9. Indiana
10. Minnesota
11. Northwestern

1. Teddy Ginn	DB	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
2. Dan Conner	LB	6'3"	220	Wallingford, PA	Penn State
3. Anthony Morelli	QB	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
4. Chad Henne	QB	6'3"	215	Wyomissing, PA	Michigan
5. Kyle Williams	LB	6'2"	220	Bolingbrook, IL	Iowa
6. Greg Harrison	OL	6'5"	295	Shenandoah, PA	Penn State
7. Roland Martin	OL	6'6"	340	Chicago, IL	Michigan State
8. Kyle Mitchum	OL	6'6"	275	Erie, PA	Ohio State
9. Adrian Arrington	WR	6'2"	175	Cedar Rapids, IA	Michigan
10. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
11. Doug Dutch	WR	6'0"	190	Bowie, MD	Michigan
12. Tim Jamison	DL	6'3"	230	Riverdale, IL	Michigan
13. Rory Nicol	TE	6'5"	250	Beaver, PA	Ohio State
14. Brett Gallimore	OL	6'6"	605	Parville, MO	Michigan
15. Marcus Freeman	LB	6'3"	240	Huber Heights, OH	Ohio State
16. Mike Massey	TE	6'4"	216	Brecksville, OH	Michigan
17. A.Q. Shipley	DL	6'2"	275	Coraopolis, PA	Penn State
18. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
19. Albert Dukes	WR	6'1"	180	Belle Glade, FL	Ohio State
20. Sam Carson	LB	6'2"	225	Downers Grove, IL	Illinois

## Big 12 Rankings

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Texas A&M
4. Kansas State
5. Nebraska
6. Missouri
7. Okla. State
8. Texas Tech
9. Iowa State
10. Colorado
11. Kansas
12. Baylor

1. Adrian Peterson	RB	6'2"	210	Palestine, TX	Oklahoma
2. Rhett Bomar	QB	6'4"	205	Grand Prairie, TX	Oklahoma
3. Franklin Okam	DL	6'5"	300	Dallas, TX	Texas
4. Andrew Kelson	DB	6'3"	210	Houston, TX	Texas
5. Robert Reid	QB	6'3"	225	Galena Park, TX	Oklahoma State
6. Marcus Walker	DB	5'11"	185	Waco, TX	Oklahoma
7. Cortney Grixby	DB	5'9"	165	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
8. Bobby Tatum	DB	6'1"	190	Fort Worth, TX	Texas
9. Lendy Holmes	WR	6'2"	180	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
10. Nathan Jones	WR	6'1"	180	Texarkana, TX	Texas
11. Chris Patterson	LB	6'3"	220	Chicago, IL	Oklahoma
12. Lydon Murtha	OL	6'8"	315	Hutchinson, MN	Nebraska
13. Matt Boss	OL	6'5"	310	Cherryvale, KS	Kansas State
14. Chris Smith	DL	6'5"	265	Allen, TX	Texas A&M
15. D.J. Wolfe	RB	6'0"	185	Lawton, OK	Oklahoma
16. Stephen McGee	QB	6'2"	205	Burnet, TX	Texas A&M
17. Jordan Shipley	WR	6'0"	180	Burnet, TX	Texas
18. William Morrissey	DL	6'2"	280	Silsbee, TX	Texas A&M
19. Cedric Dockery	OL	6'4"	325	Garland, TX	Texas
20. Chase Patton	QB	6'4"	210	Columbia, MO	Missouri



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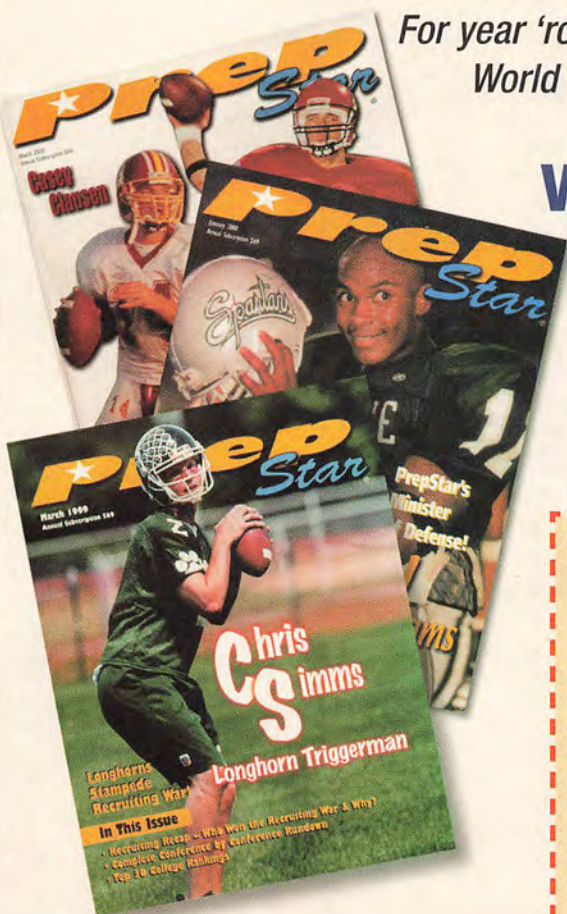
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Louisville Signee Brian Brohm

## Conference USA Rankings

1. Brian Brohm	QB 6'4" 205	Louisville, KY	Louisville
2. Greg Hinds	DB 6'2" 205	Southaven, MS	Memphis
3. Ivory Williams	WR 5'9" 165	Beaumont, TX	Houston
4. Joseph Doss	RB 5'10" 170	Memphis, TN	Memphis
5. Brouce Mompremier	LB 6'0" 210	Dade City, FL	South Florida
6. Travis Clark	QB 6'2" 220	Lincolnton, GA	Southern Miss
7. Jacob Griffin	OL 6'4" 285	Seffner, FL	South Florida
8. Jarriette Buie	DL 6'3" 230	Seffner, FL	South Florida
9. Scott Elliott	QB 6'1" 175	Bay City, TX	Tulane
10. C.J. Barrows	RB 6'3" 205	Powder Springs, GA	Southern Miss
11. Gabe Ratcliff	TE 6'3" 230	Houston, TX	Tulane
12. Shae Reagan	QB 6'3" 230	Idalou, TX	TCU
13. Andre Copeland	RB 5'9" 190	Lake City, FL	South Florida
14. Otis McDaniel	WR 6'1" 175	San Antonio, TX	TCU
15. Frank Morton	DL 6'3" 285	Decatur, GA	Tulane
16. Richard Clebert	DL 6'1" 275	Miami, FL	South Florida
17. Ryan Johnson	DL 6'5" 240	Dallas, TX	Tulane
18. Tyjuan Jones	DB 6'1" 205	Trotwood, OH	Cincinnati
19. Terrance Jones	RB 5'10" 175	Sarasota, FL	South Florida
20. John Peyton	WR 6'5" 195	Dade City, FL	South Florida

1. South Florida	5. Houston	9. Cincinnati
2. TCU	6. Louisville	10. UAB
3. Memphis	7. Southern Miss	11. Army
4. Tulane	8. East Carolina	

## MAC Rankings

1. Anthony Turner	QB 6'2" 218	Dayton, OH	Bowling Green
2. Kyle Israel	QB 6'3" 230	Orlando, FL	UCF
3. Britt Davis	QB 6'4" 188	Broadview, IL	Northern Illinois
4. Alex Engram	QB 5'11" 205	Warren, OH	Western Michigan
5. Gabe Hatchett	WR 6'3" 195	Minden, NV	Toledo
6. DeMarko Hughes	DT 6'4" 295	Detroit, MI	Eastern Michigan
7. Jermaine Filer	WR 6'3" 190	Clearwater, FL	Marshall
8. Trumaine Smith	WR 6'3" 180	Warrensville Height, OH	Toledo
9. Marcus Fitzgerald	RB 5'10" 195	Minneapolis, MN	Marshall
10. Alfred Martin	DT 6'5" 255	South Euclid, OH	Toledo
11. Ryan Tuggle	TE 6'4" 255	Bartlett, IL	Northern Illinois
12. Jimmy Calhoun	RB 6'0" 195	Middleton, OH	Miami
13. Keith Shologan	DT 6'2" 275	Edmonton, Alberta	UCF
14. Jared Elliott	QB 6'5" 210	Franklin, TN	Miami
15. Mark Bonds	RB 5'10" 220	Indianapolis, IN	Western Michigan
16. Shawn Donaldson	OL 6'5" 270	Dover, OH	Kent State
17. Matt Parkhurst	TE 6'3" 245	Philadelphia, PA	Marshall
18. Jalen Parmele	RB 6'0" 210	Midland, MI	Toledo
19. Diyral Briggs	DE 6'4" 200	Mt. Healthy, OH	Bowling Green
20. Adell Givens	RB 5'11" 185	Hamilton, OH	Ball State

1. Toledo	6. Western Michigan	11. Ball State
2. Marshall	7. Central Michigan	12. Eastern Michigan
3. Bowling Green	8. Ohio	13. Kent State
4. Miami	9. UCF	14. Buffalo
5. Northern Illinois	10. Akron	

## Mountain West Rankings

1. Lance Louis	TE 6'3" 250	New Orleans, LA	San Diego State
2. Patrick Gates	RB 5'9" 180	San Diego, CA	San Diego State
3. Tommie Hill	DL 6'6" 210	Littleton, CO	Colorado State
4. Jamaal Floyd	RB 5'10" 185	Claremont, CA	Colorado State
5. Jacob Bower	QB 6'4" 220	Meridian, ID	BYU
6. Randy Faletoi	DL 6'2" 290	Honolulu, HI	Utah
7. Ray Feinga	OL 6'5" 285	West Valley, UT	BYU
8. Andrew Schantz	LB 6'0" 210	Santa Clara, CA	San Diego State
9. Darren Mougey	QB 6'5" 220	Scottsdale, AZ	San Diego State
10. Jeff Brown	DB 6'2" 185	Harbor City, CA	UNLV
11. Russell Allen	LB 6'3" 195	Oceanside, CA	San Diego State
12. Caleb Hanie	QB 6'2" 230	Forney, TX C	Colorado State
13. Damon Morton	WR 5'11" 175	Riverside, CA	Colorado State
14. Eric Rouser	OL 6'7" 240	Camarillo, CA	San Diego State
15. Anthony Celestine	WR 5'10" 170	Ridgecrest, CA	Colorado State
16. Keenan Jones	DB 5'11" 190	Harbor City, CA	San Diego State
17. John Peel	WR 6'2" 185	Scottsdale, AZ	Utah
18. Stinson Dean	QB 6'2" 215	Blue Springs, MO	Wyoming
19. Adarrius Ross	DB 5'10" 170	Culver City, CA	Utah
20. Chris Sundberg	TE 6'5" 215	Columbus, MT	Wyoming

1. San Diego State	4. Colorado State	7. New Mexico
2. Utah	5. UNLV	8. Air Force
3. BYU	6. Wyoming	

## Pac-10 Rankings

1. Jeff Byers	OL 6'3" 275	Fort Collins, CO	USC
2. Keith Rivers	LB 6'3" 220	Lake Mary, FL	USC
3. Jeff Schweiger	DL 6'4" 250	San Jose, CA	USC
4. Fred Davis	WR 6'4" 215	Toledo, OH	USC
5. Cameron Colvin	WR 6'2" 190	Concord, CA	Oregon
6. Zach Miller	TE 6'4" 240	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona State
7. Alex Fletcher	OL 6'4" 290	Old Brookville, NY	Stanford
8. Matt Tuiaosopopo	QB 6'2" 210	Woodinville, WA	Washington
9. Dwayne Jarrett	WR 6'5" 195	New Brunswick, NJ	USC
10. Thomas Herring	DL 6'6" 315	Los Angeles, CA	USC
11. Phillip Mbakogu	DL 6'2" 260	Hayward, CA	California
12. Derrick Jones	WR 6'2" 180	Gardenia, CA	USC
13. Aaron Klovas	OL 6'6" 300	Spanaway, WA	Oregon
14. Michael Bumpus	WR 6'0" 190	Culver City, CA	Washington State
15. Brigham Harwell	DL 6'2" 250	Hacienda Heights, CA	UCLA
16. Willie Gasper	DB 5'11" 180	Concord, CA	Oregon
17. Marshwan Lynch	RB 5'11" 200	Oakland, CA	California
18. Dale Thompson	TE 6'4" 255	Corona, CA	USC
19. Randy Estes	DB 6'2" 200	Los Alamitos, CA	Washington State
20. Andrew Roof	OL 6'4" 310	Spokane, WA	Washington State

1. USC	5. Washington State	9. Arizona
2. Oregon	6. Oregon State	10. Stanford
3. Washington	7. Arizona State	
4. California	8. UCLA	

## SEC Rankings

1. Early Doucet	WR 6'0" 211	Saint Martinville, LA	LSU
2. Brandon Miller	DL 6'4" 225	Colquitt, GA	Georgia
3. Derrick Harvey	DL 6'5" 235	Greenbelt, MD	Florida
4. Charles Johnson	DL 6'2" 237	Hawkinsville, GA	Georgia
5. Glenn Dorsey	DL 6'2" 295	Gonzales, LA	LSU
6. Xavier Carter	WR 6'3" 190	Melbourne, FL	LSU
7. Leon Hart	OL 6'5" 290	Columbia, SC	Auburn
8. Demonte Bolden	DL 6'5" 294	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee
9. Thomas Brown	RB 5'10" 185	Tucker, GA	Georgia
10. Derrick McPhearson	WR 6'1" 185	Hyattsville, MD	Florida
11. Marlon Favorite	DL 6'1" 310	Harvey, LA	LSU
12. A.J. Bryant	WR 6'2" 185	Fort Valley, GA	Georgia
13. Ja'Kouri Williams	RB 5'11" 185	Plaquemine, LA	Tennessee
14. Kyle Jackson	DB 6'1" 190	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida
15. Marque Hall	DL 6'5" 310	Marshville, NC	South Carolina
16. Nikita Stover	WR 6'2" 187	Hartselle, AL	Alabama
17. Robert Ayers	LB 6'3" 229	St. Clio, SC	Tennessee
18. Peyton Hillis	RB 6'1" 245	Conway, AR	Arkansas
19. Ryan Miller	OL 6'5" 310	Lake Charles, LA	LSU
20. Lavelle Hawkins	WR 5'11" 175	Stockton, CA	LSU

1. LSU	5. Alabama	9. South Carolina
2. Georgia	6. Auburn	10. Kentucky
3. Florida	7. Arkansas	11. Vanderbilt
4. Tennessee	8. Ole Miss	12. Mississippi State



## Sun Belt Rankings

1. Christopher Forbes	DB	5'11"	185	Miami, FL	Utah State
2. Justin Soi	TE	6'4"	240	Provo, UT	Utah State
3. D.T. McDowell	QB	6'0"	185	Tucker, GA	Troy State
4. James Lewis	WR	6'0"	200	Venice, CA	Utah State
5. Michael Jones	OL	6'4"	305	Houston, TX	Utah State
6. Roy Covington	WR	6'1"	175	Dallas, TX	North Texas
7. Kenny Cattouse	RB	5'11"	195	Keyport, NJ	Troy State
8. Phil Poloa	RB	5'10"	200	Sandy, UT	Utah State
9. Jonathan Presley	DL	6'4"	240	Jacksonville, FL	Middle Tennessee
10. Leodis McKelvin	CB	6'0"	170	Waycross, GA	Troy State
11. Kevin Wright	DL	6'3"	250	Fort Bend, TX	North Texas
12. Jamario Thomas	RB	5'10"	205	Longview, TX	North Texas
13. Lonnie Clemons	DB	6'2"	200	Milledgeville, GA	Middle Tennessee
14. Colt Mahan	LB	6'1"	210	Keller, TX	North Texas
15. Thomas Pratt	RB	5'10"	195	Coppell, TX	North Texas
16. Jeremiah Chapman	DL	6'2"	225	China Springs, TX	North Texas
17. Carlos Dixon	RB	5'11"	200	Germantown, TN	Middle Tennessee
18. Brian Flagg	LB	6'4"	235	Ripley, TN	Arkansas State
19. Matt Mandich	OL	6'4"	270	Hattiesburg, MS	Arkansas State
20. Edgar Givens	DB	6'4"	190	New Madrid, MO	Arkansas State

1. Utah State	4. Troy State	7. UL Lafayette
2. North Texas	5. Idaho	8. UL Monroe
3. Middle Tennessee	6. Arkansas State	9. New Mexico State

## WAC Rankings

1. Andrew Pearman	RB	5'9"	175	Charlotte, NC	Hawaii
2. Vincent Chase	TE	6'5"	250	Irving, TX	SMU
3. Damahco Dusley	WR	6'1"	190	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
4. Tyvenskie Page	DB	6'2"	210	Dallas, TX	Tulsa
5. Randy Duncan	DB	6'2"	173	Mesquite, TX	Tulsa
6. Jessie Henderson	RB	5'8"	170	Paris, TX	SMU
7. Andrew McKinney	RB	6'4"	235	Decatur, TX	SMU
8. Curtis Williams	DB	6'0"	170	Arlington, TX	Tulsa
9. Jonathan Penelton	DB	6'0"	204	Dallas, TX	Tulsa
10. Tyler Ribitzki	OL	6'6"	285	Burleson, TX	UTEP
11. Jonathan Carroll	RB	5'10"	170	Houston, TX	Rice
12. Ben Galbraith	QB	6'4"	215	Colfax, CA	Nevada
13. Ben Harris	OL	6'4"	270	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana Tech
14. Freddie Franklin	RB	6'0"	190	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana Tech
15. Keala Watson	DL	6'4"	310	Nanakuli, HI	Hawaii
16. Marty Tadman	DB	5'11"	175	Mission Viejo, CA	Boise State
17. Ryan McKinley	LB	6'2"	220	Reno, NV	Fresno State
18. Kevin Ciccone	WR	5'11"	175	Stevenson Ranch, CA	Fresno State
19. Lawrence Wilson	DL	6'1"	300	Honolulu, HI	Hawaii
20. Luke Juist	K	6'1"	190	Houston, TX	Rice

1. Tulsa	5. Hawaii	9. Rice
2. SMU	6. San Jose State	10. UTEP
3. Boise State	7. Nevada	
4. Louisiana Tech	8. Fresno State	

## Top High School Seniors

### Quarterbacks

Ryan Perrilloux	6'3"	210	Reserve, LA
Kyle Reed	6'2"	190	Oakland, CA
Carlton Hill	6'4"	220	Monticello, FL
Zach Asack	6'3"	190	Westwood, MA
Jonathan Crompton	6'4"	220	Waynesville, NC
Drew Willy	6'5"	220	Randolph, NJ
Ike Whitaker	6'4"	210	Germantown, MD
Brian Babin	6'3"	215	Gonzales, LA
Rudi Gastinell	6'2"	185	New Orleans, LA
Rob Schoenhof	6'5"	225	Cincinnati, OH
Matt Harris	6'3"	200	Desoto, TX
Greg Paulus	6'2"	190	Manlius, NY
Osaar Rasshan	6'4"	220	Pomona, CA
Gene Delle Donne	6'5"	230	Wilmington, DE
Bill Stull	6'4"	200	Pittsburgh, PA
Josh Portis	6'4"	200	Woodland Hills, CA
Antonio Bass	6'2"	200	Jackson, MI
Brice Beck	6'3"	225	Blytheville, AR
Marcel Jones	6'3"	200	Shakopee, MN
Eric Ward	6'2"	190	Decatur, GA

### Running Backs

Jason Gwaltney	6'2"	220	Long Island, NY
Toney Baker	5'11"	225	Jamestown, NC
Terry Longbons	5'11"	210	Peoria, AZ
Shane Brooks	6'0"	220	Duquesne, PA
Paul O'Hara	5'11"	210	Cross City, FL
RJ Jackson	6'0"	200	Houston, TX
Quentin Taylor	6'1"	210	Apopka, FL
Antonio Robinson	6'2"	195	Winnfield, LA
Kevin Gandy	5'11"	230	East Grand Rapids, MI
Leon Jackson	6'3"	210	Pasco, WA
Rashard Mendenhall	5'11"	195	Skokie, IL
Jonathan Stewart	5'10"	215	Olympia, WA
Elan Lewis	5'10"	210	Hampton, VA
Shaun DeWitty	6'2"	200	Colorado Springs, CO
Corey Robertson	6'0"	210	Denison, TX
LaMarcus Coker	5'10"	185	Antioch, TN
Zach Arnett	6'1"	200	Albuquerque, NM
Justin King	5'11"	180	Pittsburgh, PA
Andre Watson	5'10"	180	Ocean Springs, CA
Javorski Lane	6'1"	240	Lufkin, TX

### Wide Receivers/Tight Ends

Shayne Magee	6'3"	180	Bogalusa, LA
Josh Briscoe	6'3"	185	Lawndale, NC
Malcolm Kelly	6'4"	200	Longview, TX
Eric Higgins	6'3"	200	Conway, SC
Derrick Williams	6'1"	190	Greenbelt, MD
James Gilmore	6'2"	190	Columbus, OH
Anthony Johnson	5'10"	185	Jackson, MS

### Wide Receivers/Tight Ends, con't.

Mario Manningham	6'0"	180	Warren, OH
Howard Morrow	6'0"	180	Keller, TX
DeSean Jackson	6'0"	175	Long Beach, CA
Fred Rouse	6'4"	190	Tallahassee, FL
Nyan Boateng	6'3"	190	Brooklyn, NY
Nick Kyles	6'2"	190	Milledgeville, GA
Greg Orton	6'4"	200	Huber Heights, OH
James Dray	6'4"	235	Oradell, NJ
Chase Coffman	6'6"	230	Peculiar, MO
Dajleon Farr	6'6"	210	Galena Park, TX
Jonathan Hannah	6'5"	270	Hope Mills, NC
Kevin Small	6'4"	230	Escondido, CA
Zach Potter	6'7"	250	Omaha, NE

### Offensive Linemen

Kevin Wiggins	6'7"	330	Washington, DC
Reginald Youngblood	6'6"	290	Houston, TX
Joe Akers	6'3"	315	Parkton, MD
Marlon Davis	6'5"	300	Columbus, GA
Justin Schifano	6'4"	305	Webster, NY
Marques Slocum	6'6"	330	Philadelphia, PA
Alex Boone	6'8"	310	Lakewood, OH
Kevin Mathews	6'3"	300	Fort Bend, TX
Craig Roark	6'3"	295	Ada, OK
Eugene Monroe	6'6"	320	Plainfield, NJ
Kurt Mattes	6'6"	270	Plymouth, PA
Josh McNeil	6'4"	280	Collins, MS
Troy Phan	6'5"	310	Monroe, LA
Chris Barney	6'5"	305	Miami, FL
Chris Scott	6'5"	300	Lovejoy, GA
Jason Kacinko	6'6"	310	Harrison City, PA
Dan Doering	6'7"	300	Barrington, IL
Andy Kemp	6'6"	325	Menasha, WI
DJ Lacey	6'5"	325	Raymond, MS
Aleksey Lanis	6'6"	320	Los Angeles, CA

### Defensive Linemen

Doug Worthington	6'7"	260	Athol Springs, NY
Aaron Lewis	6'4"	265	Albuquerque, NM
Matt Reynolds	6'5"	275	Provo, UT
Justin Mincey	6'6"	250	Folkston, GA
Callahan Bright	6'3"	330	Bryn Mawr, PA
Al Jones	6'3"	255	New Orleans, LA
DeMarcus Granger	6'2"	330	Dallas, TX
Kade Weston	6'6"	310	Red Bank, NJ
Will Powers	6'4"	240	San Mateo, CA
Kyle Moore	6'7"	255	Warner Robins, GA
JB Paxon	6'3"	265	Greenwood, IN
Marcus Shavers	6'3"	230	Allen, TX
James McKinney	6'4"	255	Louisville, KY
Terrance Taylor	6'1"	285	Muskegon, MI

### Defensive Linemen, con't.

Lyle Hitt	6'3"	280	Baton Rouge, LA
Jarrell Powe	6'3"	325	Waynesboro, MS
Ekem Uofia	6'2"	290	Scottsdale, AZ
Averell Spicer	6'2"	270	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
John Jerry	6'6"	315	Batesville, MS
Walker Ashley	6'5"	290	Eden Prairie, MN

### Linebackers

Ryan Reynolds	6'2"	220	Las Vegas, NV
Luther Brown	6'3"	230	Lakewood, CA
Charles Gamble	6'3"	225	Durham, NC
Chris Collins	6'1"	235	Texarkana, TX
Rey Mauluga	6'2"	240	Eureka, CA
Chris Jeske	6'2"	240	Joliet, IL
Derek Nicholson	6'3"	230	Winston Salem, NC
Robert Russell	6'2"	220	New Orleans, LA
Rico McCoy	6'2"	215	Washington, DC
Pat Angerer	6'2"	210	Bettendorf, IA
Spencer Adkins	6'1"	225	Naples, FL
Jerome Hayes	6'2"	230	Bayonne, NJ
George Hypolite	6'3"	245	Los Angeles, CA
Brian Cushing	6'3"	225	Oradell, NJ
Travis Beckum	6'5"	230	Oak Creek, WI
Jonathan Anderson	6'1"	230	Ocean Springs, MS
Deveon Simmons	6'1"	215	Virginia Beach, VA
Scooter Berry	6'3"	245	Long Island, NY
Andre Mathis	6'2"	230	Erie, PA
Todd Cox	6'1"	200	Memphis, TN

### Defensive Backs

Syd Thompson	5'11"	175	Sacramento, CA
Will Harris	6'1"	185	West Covina, CA
Reggie Smith	6'1"	190	Edmond, OK
Chris Hawkins	6'1"	185	Walker, LA
Keenan Clayton	6'2"	205	Sulphur Springs, TX
Micheal Ray Garvin	5'8"	180	Ramsey, NJ
Kenneth Phillips	6'3"	200	Miami, FL
Jamario O'Neal	6'1"	180	Cleveland, OH
Brandon Harrison	5'10"	190	Dayton, OH
Leon Jackson	6'2"	190	Pasco, WA
CJ Byrd	6'3"	195	North Augusta, SC
Clarence Ward	6'2"	195	La Marque, TX
Felix Jones	5'11"	200	Tulsa, OK
Bryant Evans	6'0"	180	Jacksonville, FL
Victor Harris	6'0"	190	Highland Springs, VA
Adam Myers-White	6'3"	190	Hamilton, OH
Jayson White	6'1"	215	Erie, PA
Chris Keys	6'2"	210	Port Barre, PA
Demetrius Morley	6'1"	185	Miami, FL
Corderra Hunter	6'1"	185	Longview, TX



## What the ...?

*There are garden-variety upsets, and then there are those scores that elicit a stunned double-take as they scroll past on the evening ticker. Here are our top 10 jaw-droppers (and not all of them were upsets) from last season:*

**1. Kansas St. 35, Oklahoma 7**  
**Dec. 6 at Kansas City, Mo.**

The top-ranked Sooners were considered by many to be one of the premier college football teams of the past two decades, but Kansas State, a team with three regular-season losses, rolled to an easy 35-7 win to claim its first Big 12 championship. The Sooners entered the game averaging 48.3 points per game and had trailed for a total of 5:58 during the 2003 regular season.

**2. UNLV 23, Wisconsin 5**  
**Sept. 13 at Wisconsin**

Just one week after allowing 546 yards and 46 points in a loss at Kansas, UNLV limited the Wisconsin offense to just three points and 291 total yards in a stunning 23-5 win at Camp Randall Stadium. It was the Badgers' lowest output at home since a 3-3 tie with Illinois on the final weekend of the 1995 season.

**3. Clemson 63, South Carolina 17**  
**Nov. 22 at South Carolina**

The surging Tigers capped off the regular season with their third straight win, a shockingly easy 46-point win over their hated rivals from South Carolina. "I am as embarrassed as I have ever been," USC head coach Lou Holtz said after the game. "This is the longest day I have ever been involved in. Our administration, alumni deserve more than this."

**4. Washington State 55, Oregon 16**  
**Sept. 27 at Oregon**

The Ducks were 4-0 and feeling pretty good about themselves after a 31-27 win over third-ranked Michigan landed them on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. But the Cougs, an unknown quantity in late September, dismantled the Ducks en route to the most lopsided Pac-10 road win in school history.

**5. West Virginia 28, Virginia Tech 7**  
**Oct. 22 at West Virginia**

West Virginia entered the game with a 2-4 record with wins over East Carolina and Rutgers, while Virginia Tech was ranked third in the nation with a 6-0 record and had not scored fewer than 35 points in any game. The Hokies were outgained 426-to-211 and failed to score an offensive touchdown in a game that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

**6. Georgia 16, UAB 13**  
**Oct. 25 at Georgia**

The Blazers, without standout quarterback Darrell Hackney, limped into Sanford Stadium as a 30-point underdog to the fourth-ranked Bulldogs. But thanks to a stingy defense that limited Georgia to 337 total yards, UAB hung around to the final horn. A 31-yard Billy Bennett field goal early in the fourth quarter turned out to be the difference.



**7. Ohio 28, UCF 0**  
**Oct. 11 at Ohio**

Ohio struggled through a 2-10 regular season and allowed 26 points or more in every other Division I-A game, but the Bobcat defense pitched a shutout against UCF, a team picked by many — including Athlon — to win the MAC Eastern Division title.

**8. Memphis 37, Louisville 7**  
**Nov. 15 at Louisville**

The Cardinals were 7-2 overall, 4-0 at home and had not scored fewer than 21 points in any of their first nine games. But Memphis, on its way to the school's first bowl game since 1971, dominated Louisville, handing the Cards their most lopsided home defeat since a 68-34 loss to Kentucky in 1998.

**9. UConn 51, Wake Forest 17**  
**Nov. 15 at Wake Forest**

A UConn victory wasn't the big surprise here; the margin of victory, however, was shocking. Earlier in the season, Wake Forest claimed wins over Boston College, North Carolina State and Clemson, but the Demon Deacons were no match for the Huskies, who played the final seven games without star tailback Terry Caulley.

**10. Clemson 39, Georgia Tech 3**  
**Sept. 20 at Georgia Tech**

The Georgia Tech defense had allowed a total of 17 points the previous two weeks — three against Auburn and 14 against Florida State — but was torched at home by Clemson, a team that had been shutout in its only previous game against a BCS conference opponent.





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